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ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

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DAN KARIG

To the biggest little guy
in the studios
Pinky Lee

Rod Cope

To a smart guy
from a "smarter" one.
Dennis Lotz

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Dedication

Next to serving God the highest measure of service a man can give is to his country. The pages of American history are rich with the tales of valor told of America's fighting men. Whenever America called, her young men rushed to her colors, holding service to her to be dearer than life itself. That service and, too often, that life they gave as their full measure of devotion.

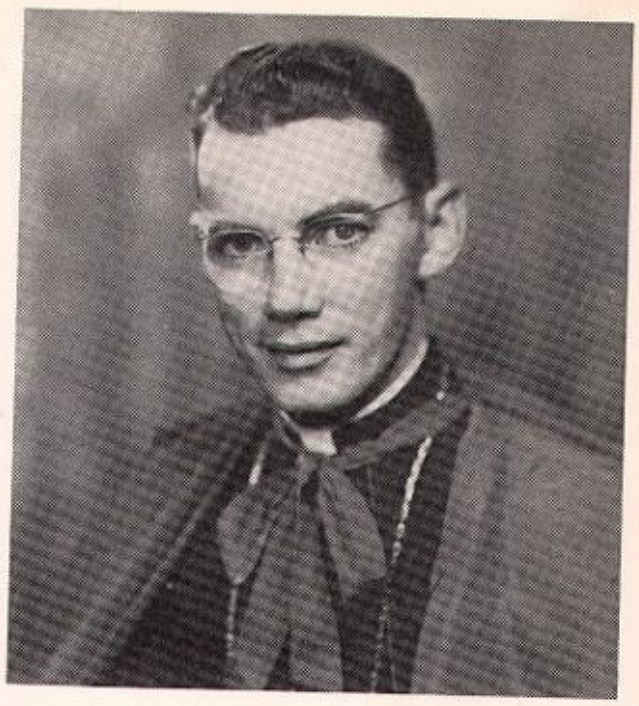
Ours is a small school and its graduates are not many, but we are proud in the knowledge that the hour of present crisis saw the young men of Saint Francis High School willingly accept the burden of military service and proudly wear the insignia and uniform of the armed forces of the United States of America. It is to the graduates of our school who have taken their places in the noble ranks of our nation's fighting men, it is to our "Franciscans in Uniform," that a grateful school proudly dedicates this edition of its Year Book, the "Alvernian," and deems it a privilege thus to salute those who only yesterday were the graduates of Saint Francis, but who today are the defenders of the Republic.

His Eminence

James Francis Cardinal Mc Intyre

In concert with all Catholics and all Americans, and particularly with the people of all faiths in the City and County of Our Lady of the Angels, we rejoiced at the elevation of His Excellency, the Archbishop of Los Angeles, to the exalted rank of Cardinal of the Catholic Church. For that reason the "Alvernian" is proud to proclaim its measure of admiration and praise of a distinctive honor, and respectfully tenders its most heartfelt congratulations to a distinguished Prince of the Church, His Eminence James Francis Cardinal Mc Intyre.

HIS EXCELLENCY
Most Reverend Joseph T. McGucken, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of Los Angeles. His Excellency is Pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Pasadena.



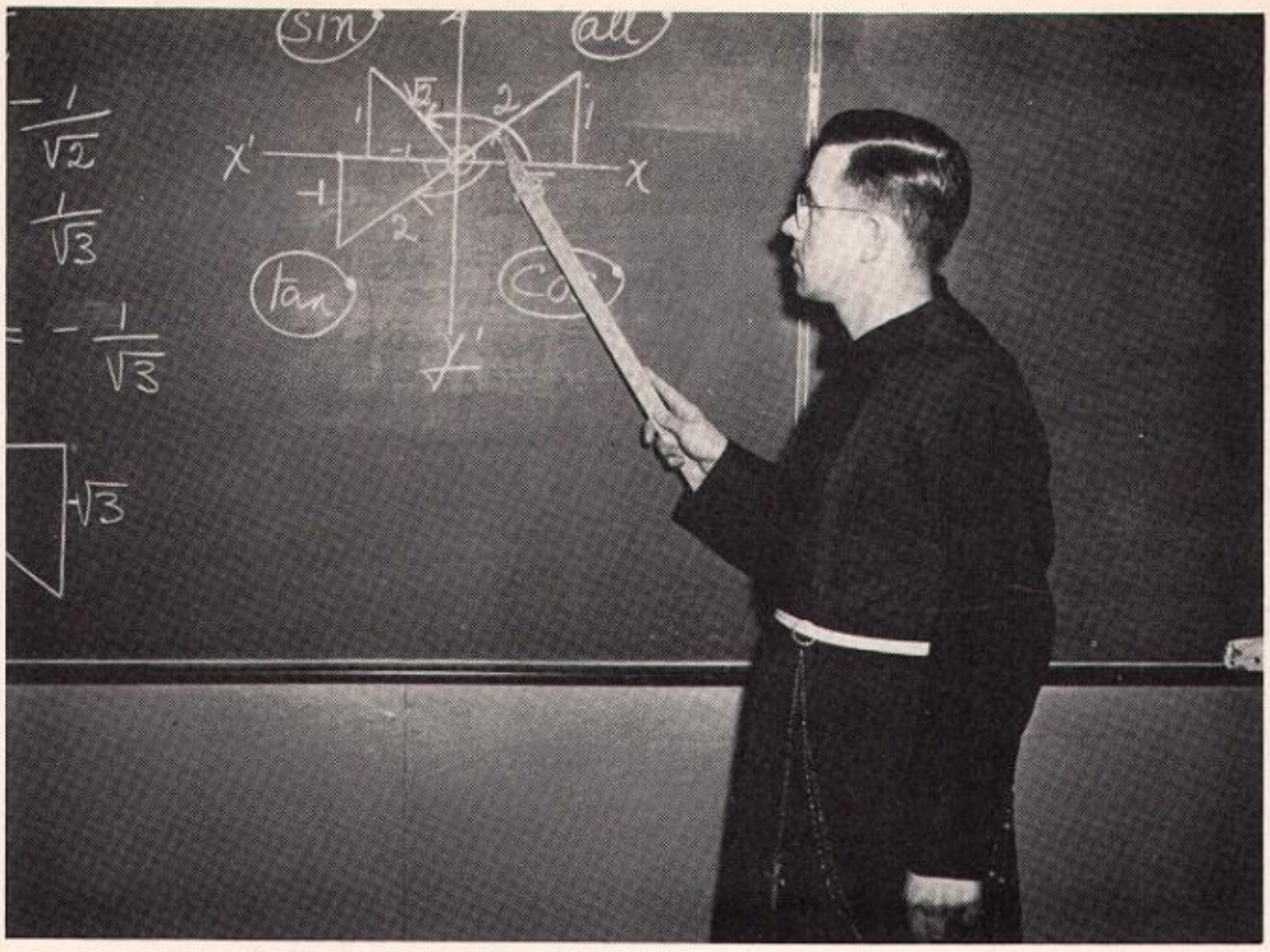
HIS EXCELLENCY
Most Reverend Timothy Manning, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop and Chancellor of Los Angeles

Rev. FR. EMILIAN, O.F.M. CAP.

The re-opening of School in September saw a new Father Rector, in the person of Father Emilian, guiding the destinies of Saint Francis.

Father Emilian received his high school education in the Capuchin Franciscan Seminary in Ireland, graduating with a B.A. Degree from the National University of Ireland, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1946. Coming to America in 1947, Father has been on the Faculty of St. Francis ever since, and is, to-day the school's second Rector. The Alvernian warmly and sincerely congratulates Fr. Emilian, and prayerfully wishes him every grace and blessing in the new and arduous office he so capably fills.

FACULTY

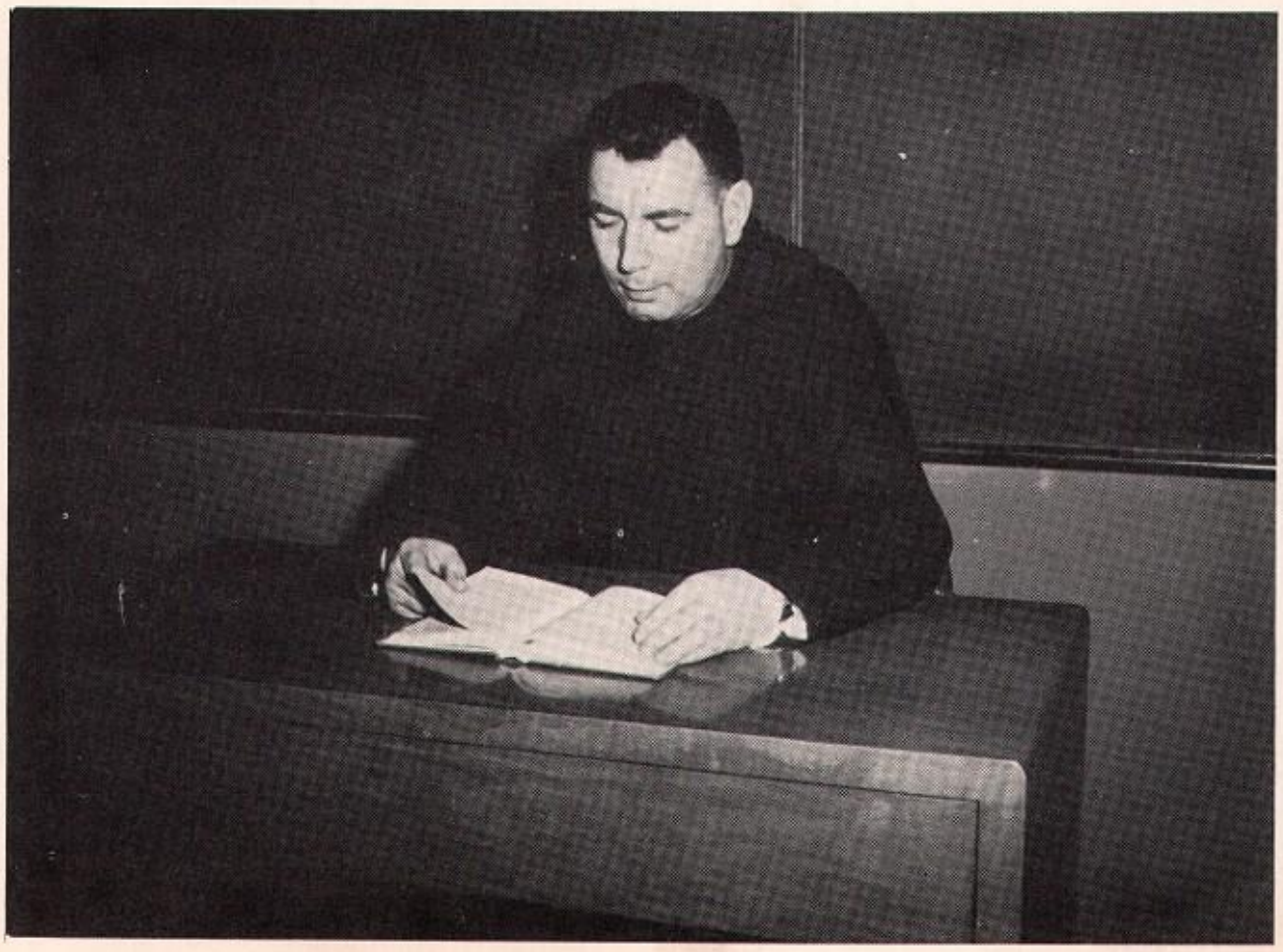


FR. CYRIL

Fr. Cyril teaches mathematics and Religion. He is a genial and witty member of the faculty, and will always be remembered for his statement, "There's going to be some changes made."

FR. ALPHONSUS

Fr. Alphonsus is our English teacher. Fr. is the Advisor for the Alvernian, and his untiring efforts in all student activities will always be remembered.



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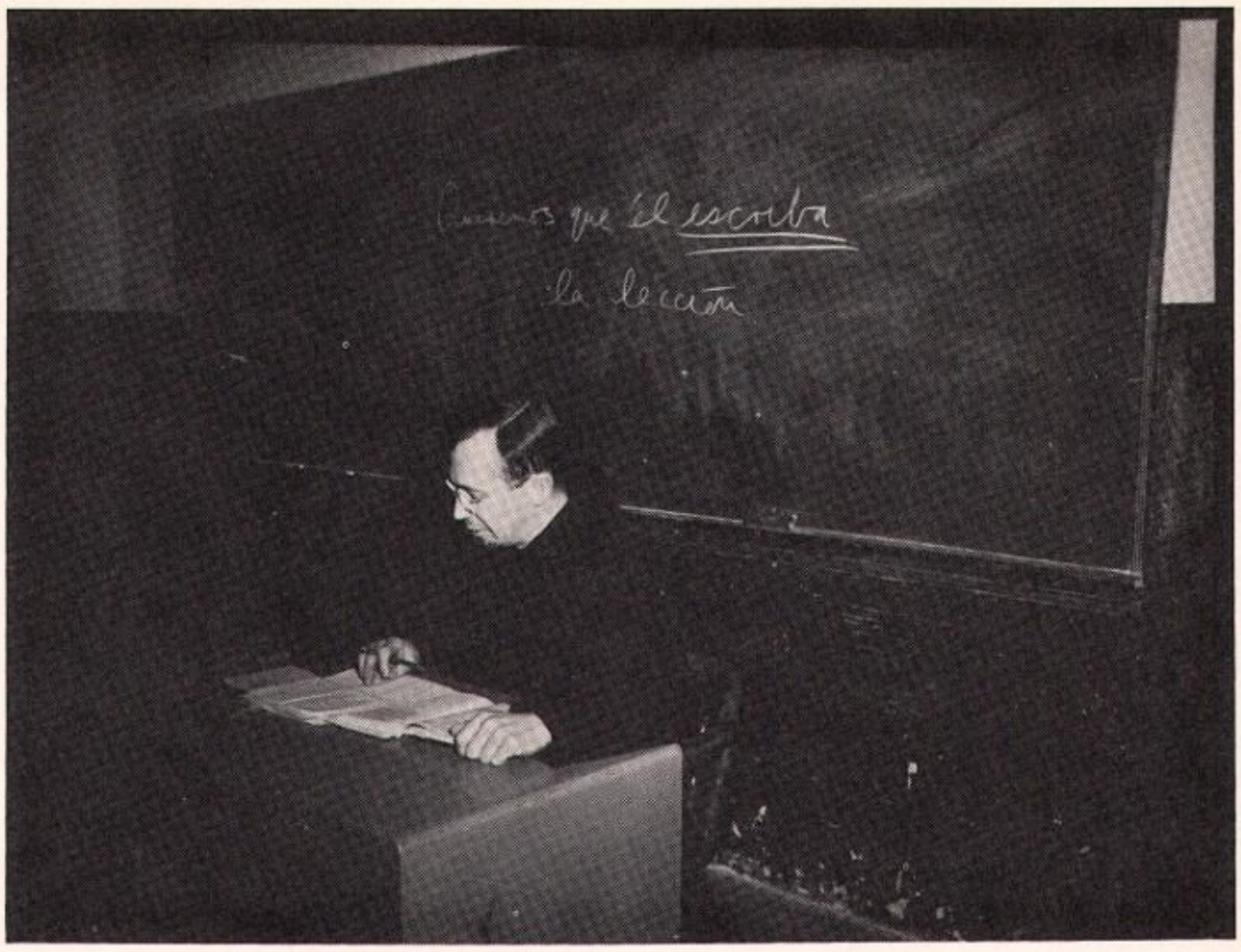
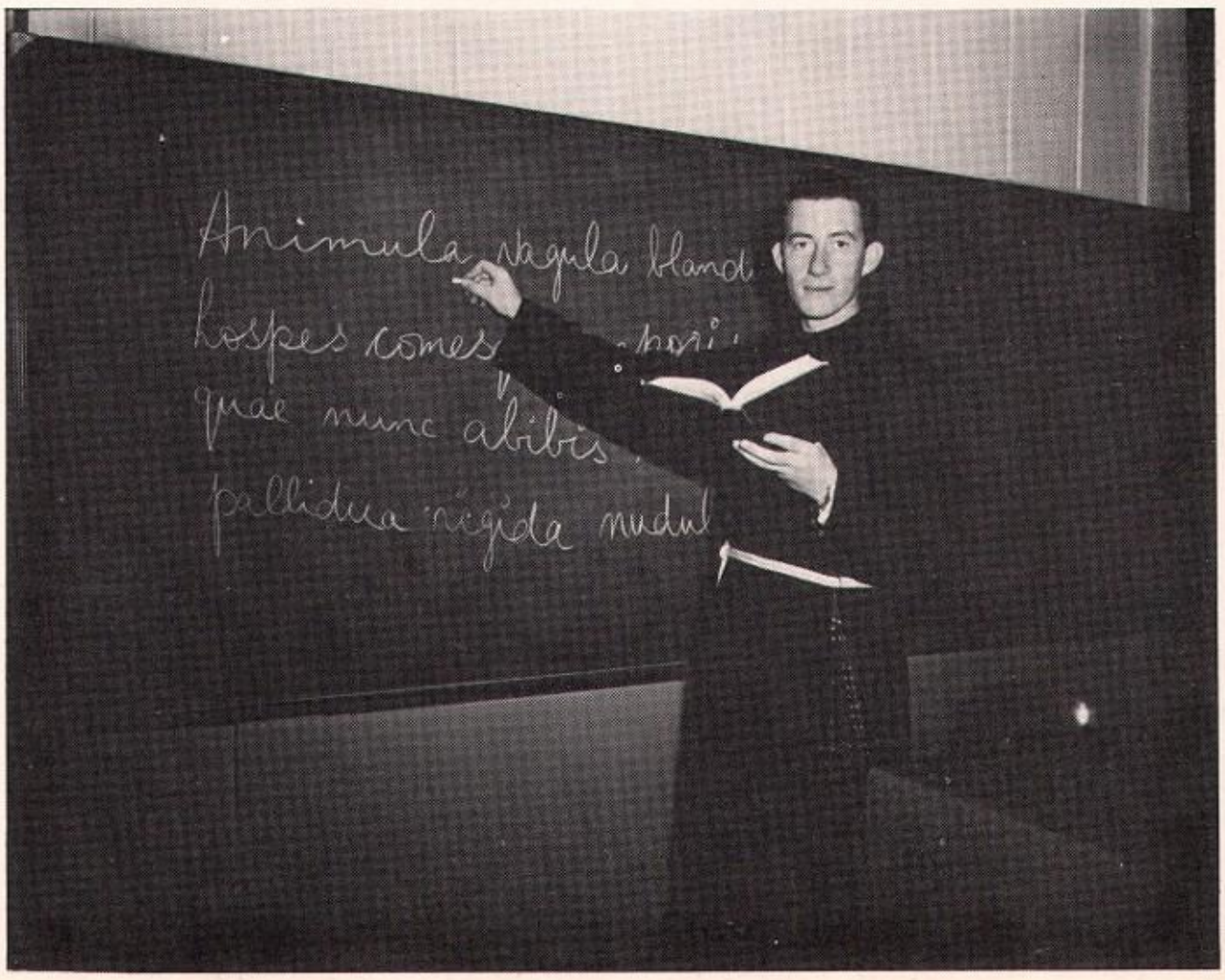


FR. PAUL

Fr. Paul is our Spanish Teacher here at S.F. Although quiet we know from experience that he possesses a swell sense of humor.

FR. RUPERT

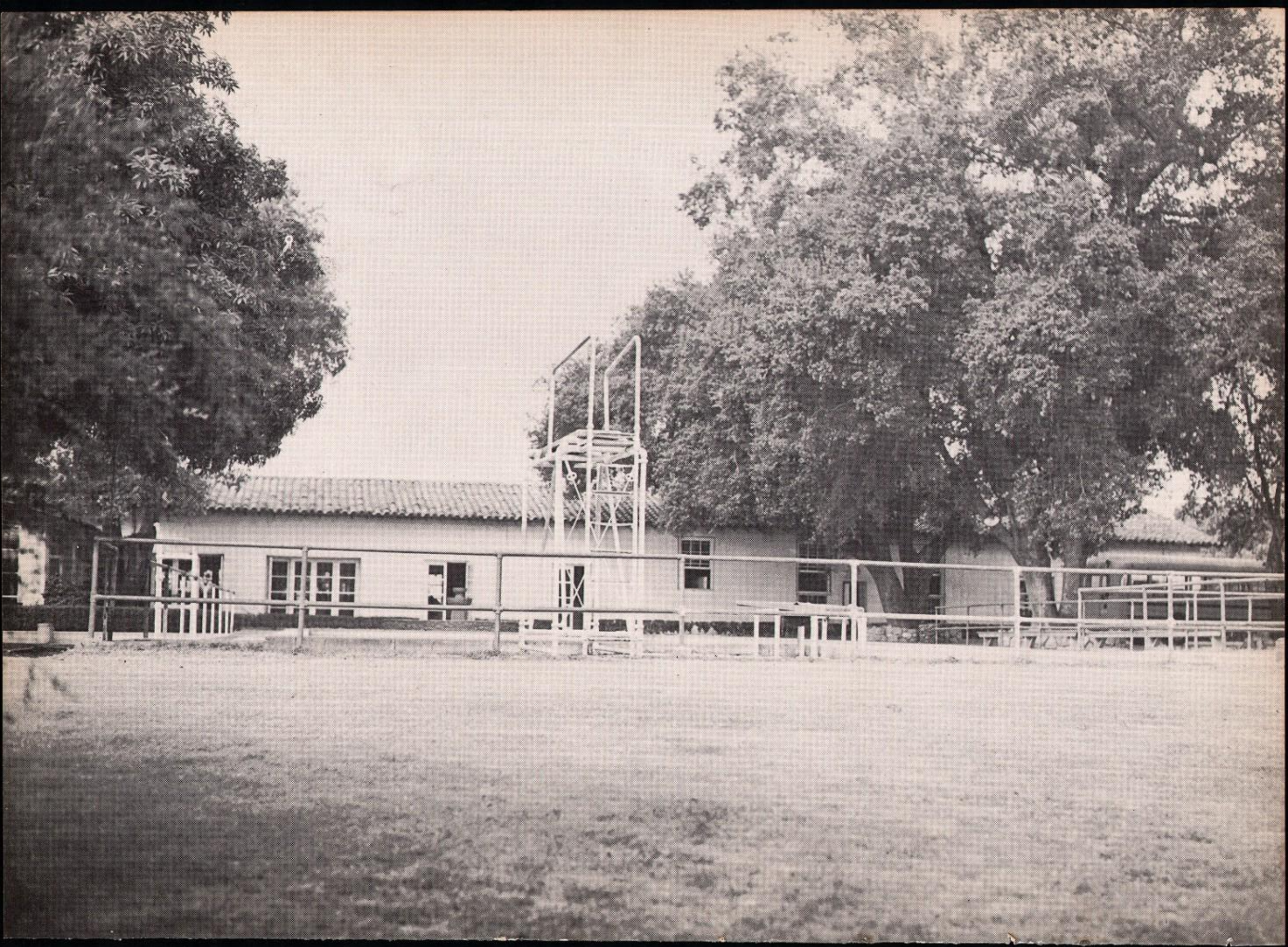
A newcomer, straight from the hills of Eire, Fr. Rupert has displayed his qualities as an educator in his Latin and Religious classes.



FR. LAWRENCE

Fr. Lawrence is a newcomer to S.F. this year. He teaches us Physics, Chemistry, Algebra, Geometry, and General Science. Fr. Lawrence, a friend to every boy at St. Francis, is also athletic director.

We wish to thank the Capuchin Priests for trying to cram an awful lot of knowledge into, what must sometimes seem to them, awful small heads.



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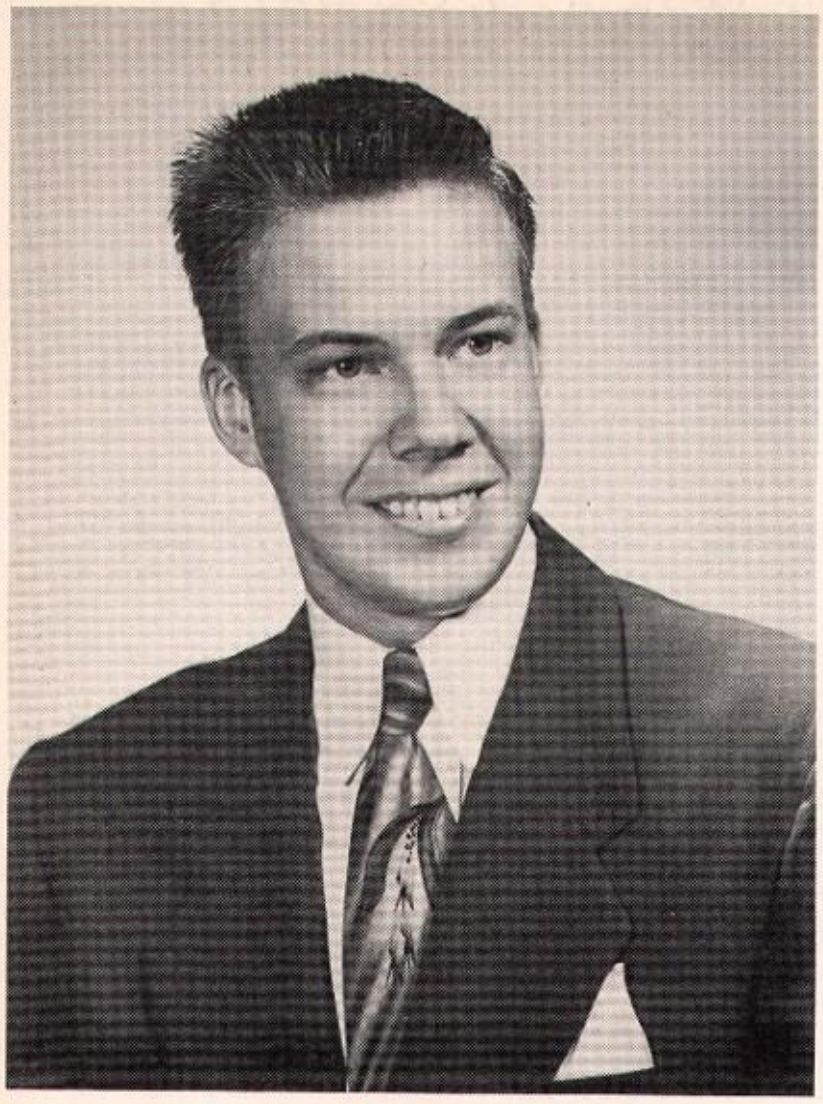


Ralph Burris

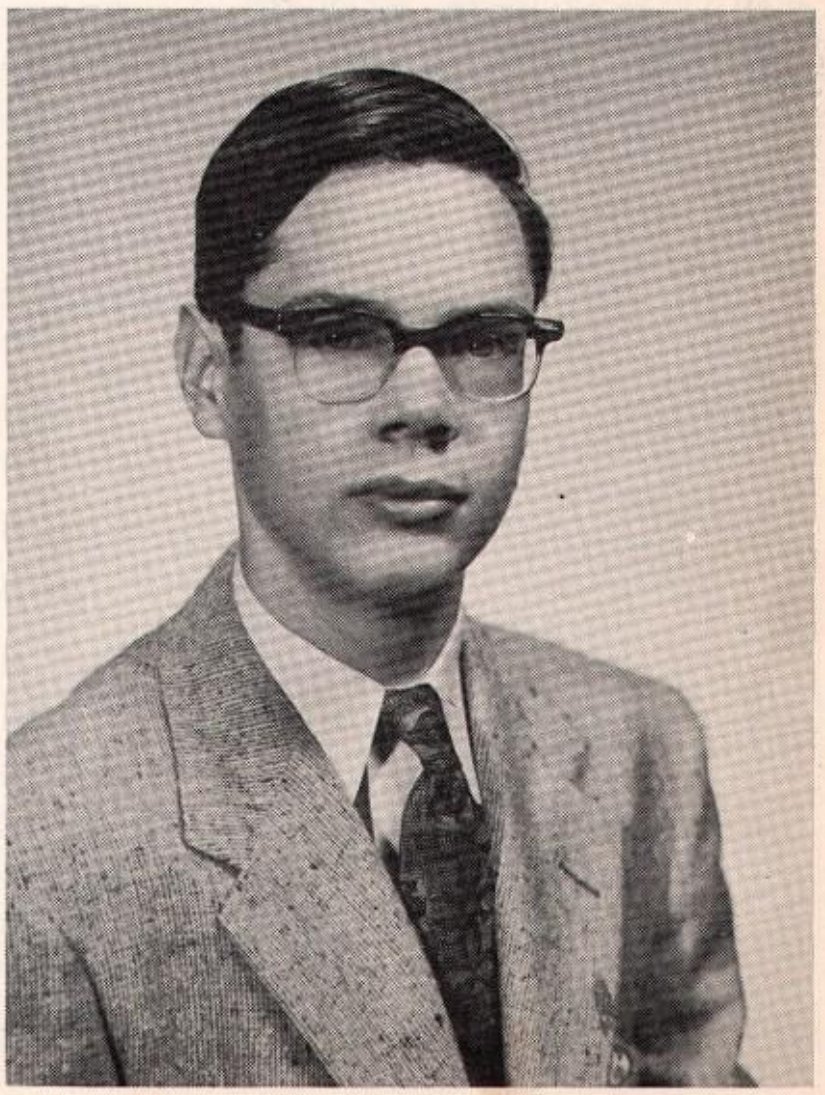
Ralph Burris

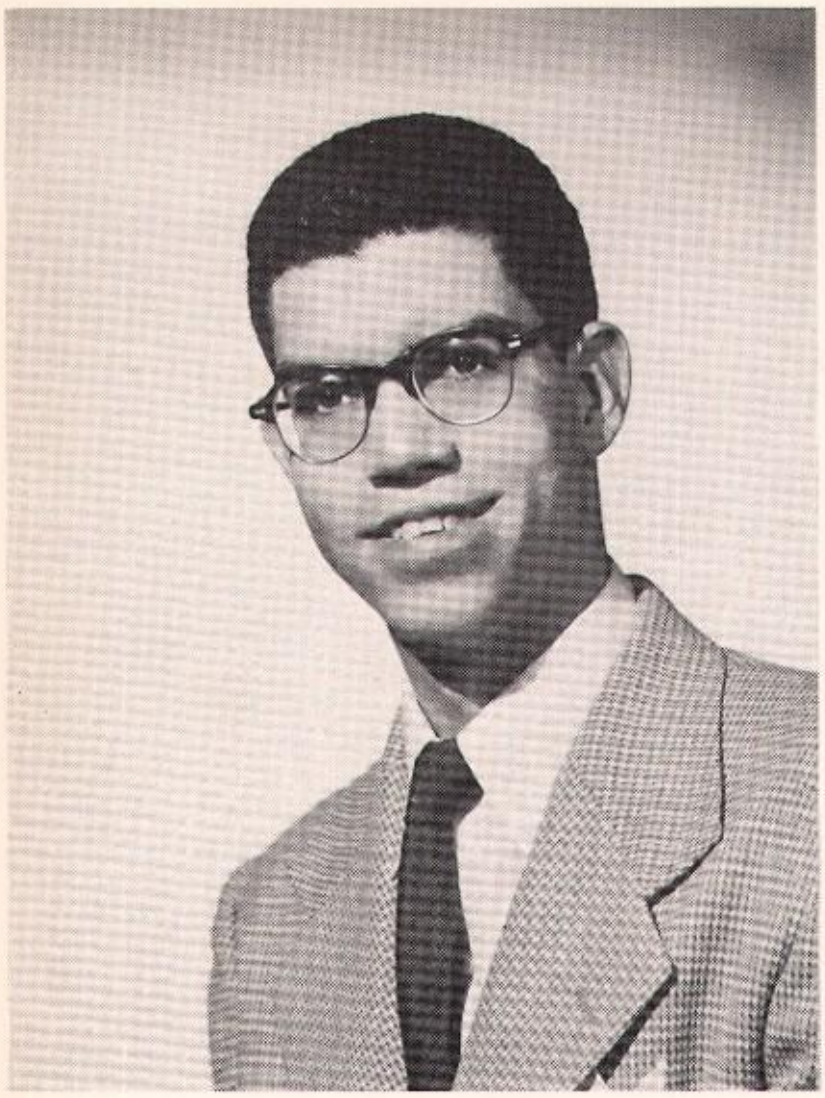
Future public transportation tycoon in the Surf-side taxi-business. Has sparked the pitching staff of the St. Francis baseball team for four years. Lem was Junior Class President and secretary of the Sophomore Class. He displays a lot of horse sense when it comes to grades and the odds at Santa Anita.

Member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Pasadena.

Don Cameron

Hard working Don was business manager of the Knight Breeze in his Junior year. When it comes to knowing his Civics Don cops class honors. Pirate Donald would like to be a captain in the "Kings Navy". Claims "eminent domain" over Senior Class heater.





To krazy Kario Bob Clark

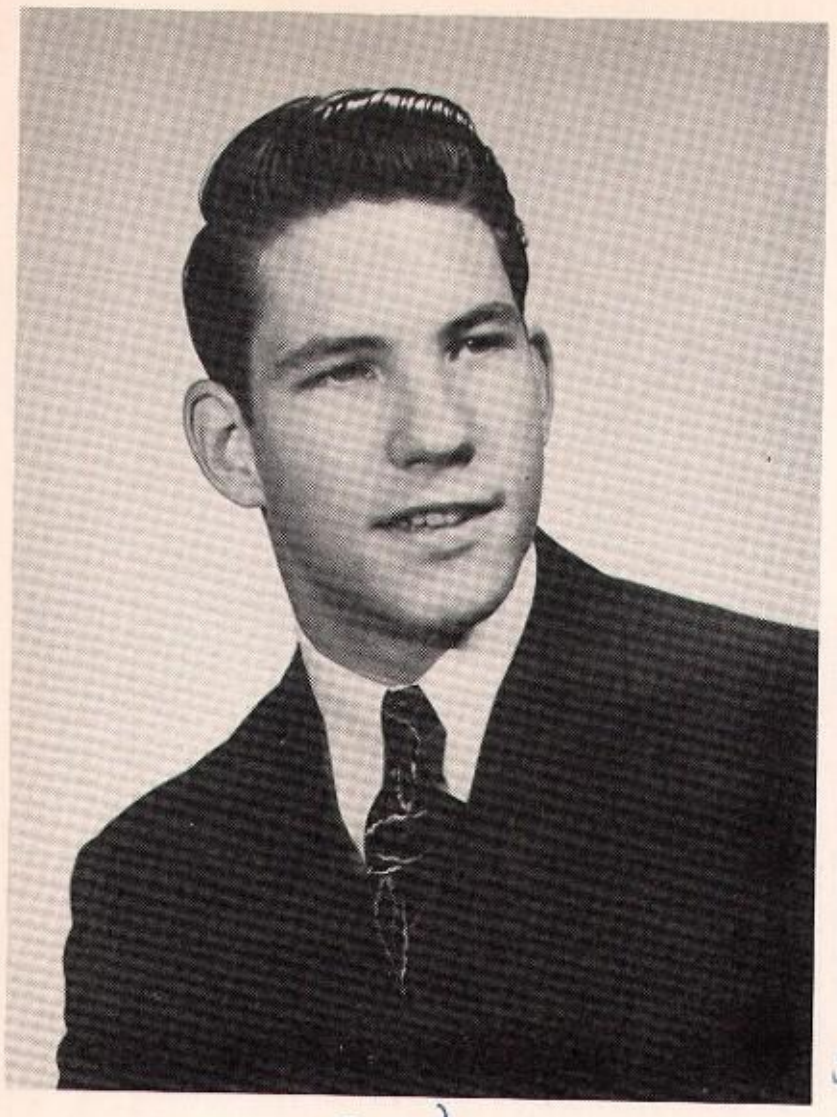
Bob Clark

The Editor of this here book. Doesn't have to wrestle with grades. A "poor mans" Jerry Lewis but thinks it would be more fun to be Dean. Champ Bob is carrying on a "to the death" Tennis duel with Ziemann. "Ed" was Secretary of the Junior Class and Associate Editor of the Alvernian in his third year. A staunch member of the back row crowd and has even been accused of being their ringleader. Bob thinks "School by Video" is a wonderful idea, but he wants "Miss Brooks" for a teacher.

Bob is a member of Holy Angles Parish in Arcadia.

Bill Conover

"Willie" Jr. Asst. Comedian of the Senior Class, uses his wit, or lack of it, to keep the class in laughs. A good buddy to all, Bill was Vice-Prexy of the Student Body in his Senior year. He joined Doyle, Veiga, and St. Andrew's as a cheer leader in his Sophomore year. Advertising Mgr. of the Knight Breeze in his 3rd year, Willie now sports a well worn door stopper.



Jim Doherty

Fresh-air fiend, and menace to gophers. Also thinks a few things such as wall-paper should be made of snake skins. We think "Gopher King" would be a good man to keep our state green and golden. Jim has been an ardent sodalist for the past three years.

Known well at St. Andrew's Parish in Pasadena.

"Best of Luck"
Jim Doherty

So little Dan
a good fellow.
Bob Doyle

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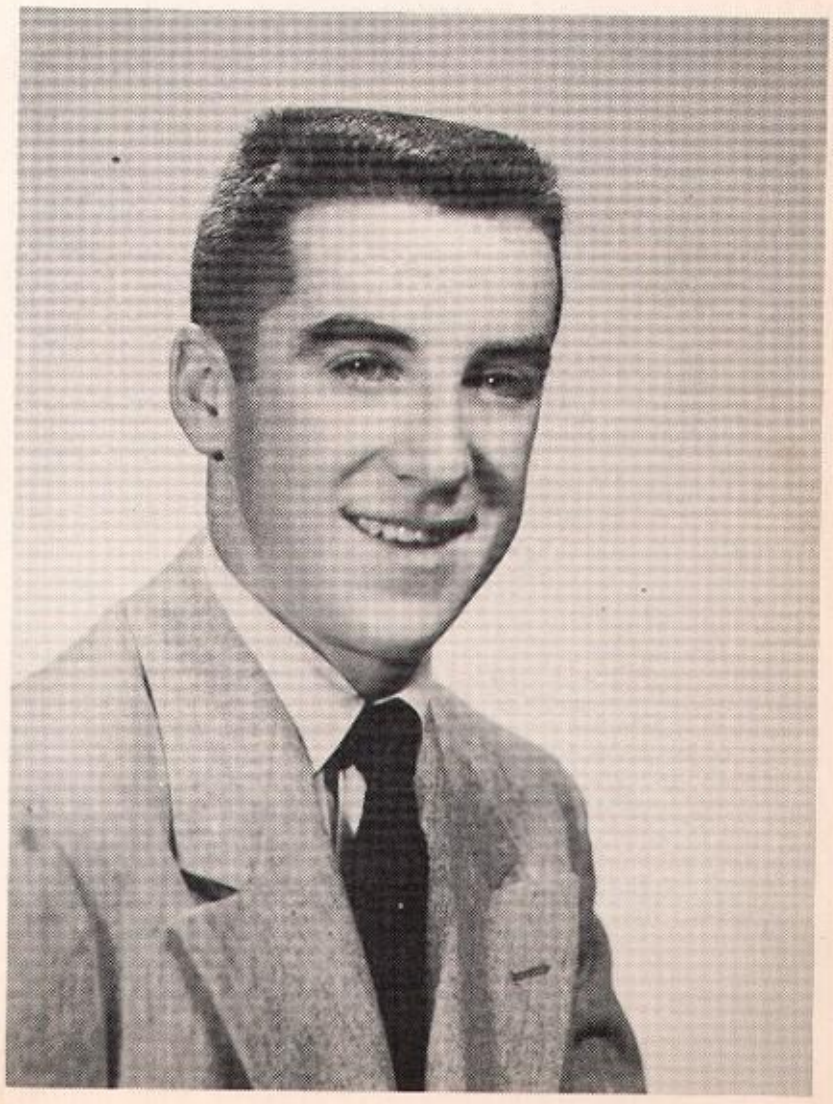
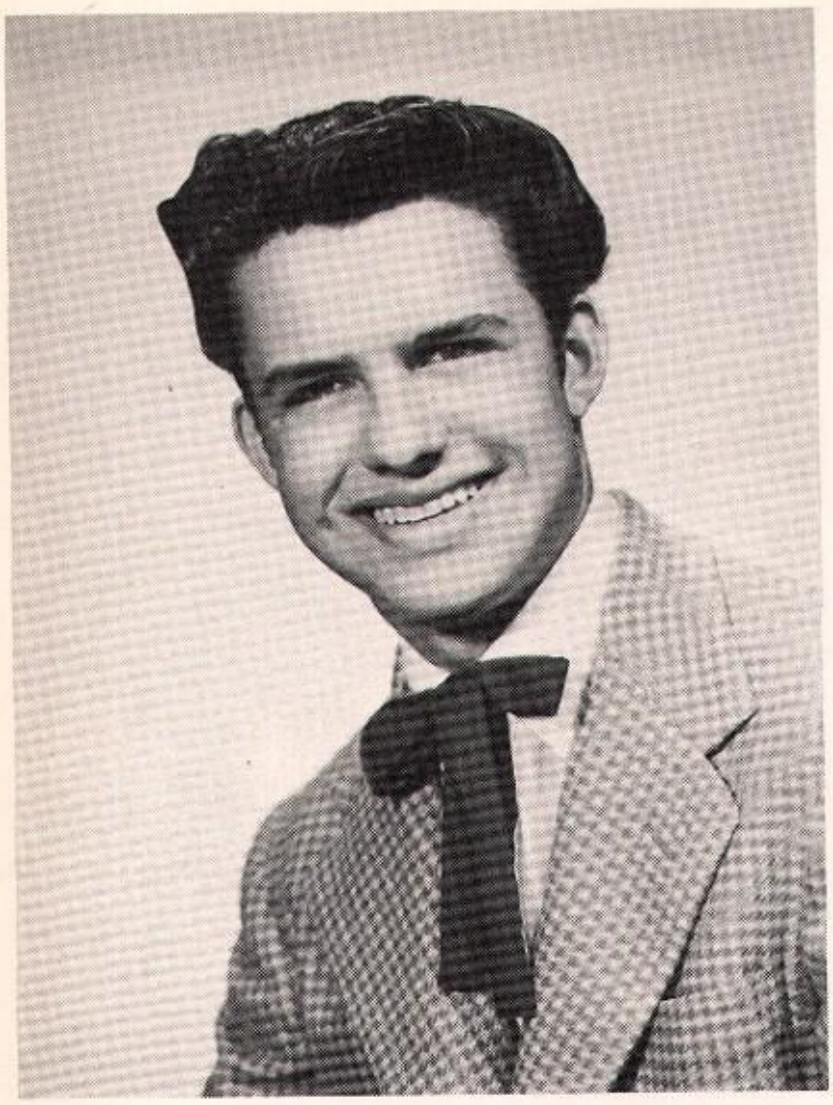
An exemplar of the "plastic personality" as witnessed by the fact that Bob was Student Body President in his fourth year and Senior Class humorist at the same time. His past is as illustrious as his present, Bob was Student Body Secretary as a Junior, played "B" basketball in his 2nd and 3rd years and Varsity in his 4th year. Besides all this Bob found time to be cheerleader (3 and 4), Sports Editor of the Knight Breeze (3), and Editor (4). Bob, a faithful member of the Sodality, was Secretary in his Junior year.

Holy Redeemer Parish is glad to sport him as a member.





Jim Farrell

Jim sports classy duds, and keeps the suede manufacturers in business. In his 2nd year at S.F. he played "B" Basketball. Jim was Assistant Editor of the Knight Breeze in his Senior year. Besides doing justice to his transcript he holds his own on the personality end. As a budding chemist Jim is going to produce a powder that will do away with all teachers between 9 and 3 o'clock.

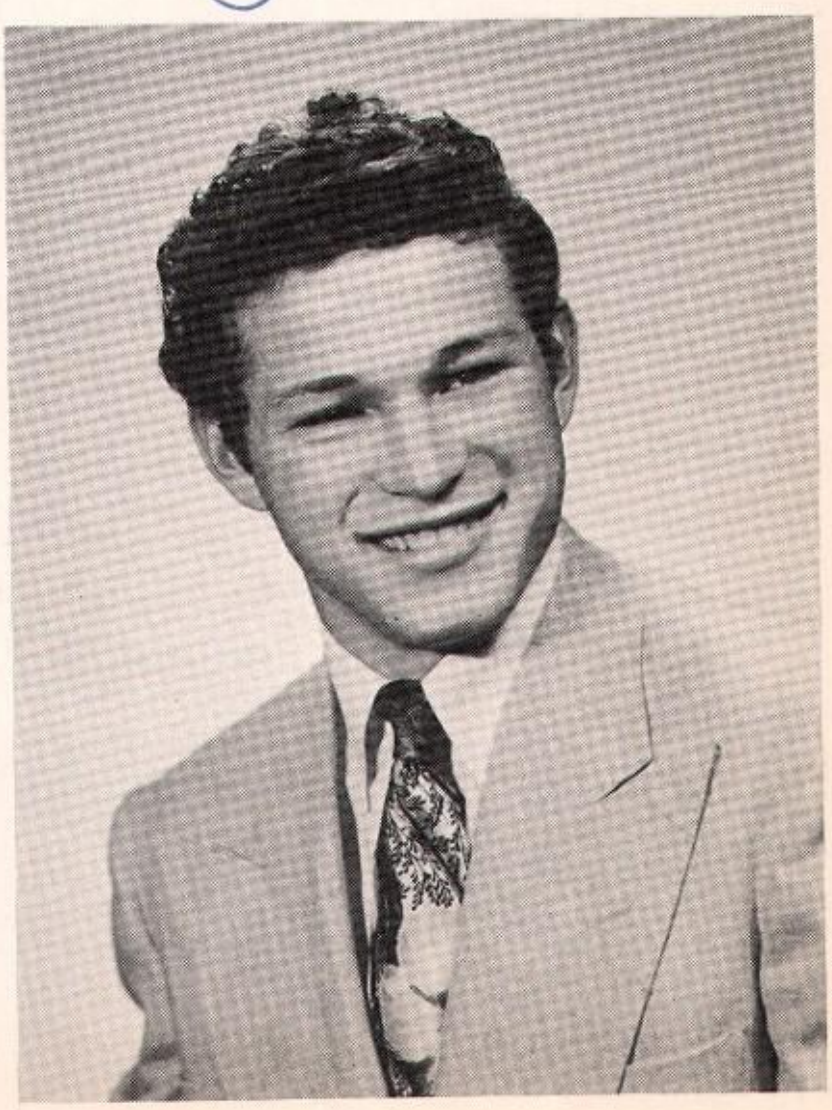
Jim claims Holy Family Parish in Glendale as his home.

To the Future Editor of
The Knights Breeze from the
Old One Good Luck
Jim Farrell

Jim Fay

"Big J" Fay can be seen stomping around Montrose in his "draggin wagon" any afternoon after 2:30. Jim "hotrod" Fay won the Saugus drag race while in his 4th year at S.F. Cars weren't Jim's only interest however, he played Varsity Football in his 1st and 2nd years, and was Freshman class president.

Jim is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.



Best of Luck to very intelligent little man
Mike Flaaten

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Mike has only been at St. Francis for two years, but in that short time he has built up an admirable athletic record. He played Varsity Football for two years and in 1952 was chosen as All Conference Halfback. For two seasons Mike has been on the Varsity Basketball team, and a pitcher on the Baseball team. When track was started at S.F. Mike copped the Conference Pole Vault Record. He has the mind of an all-around sportsman built around a winning personality. Mike attends Holy Angels Church in Arcadia.

Ed Fortner

Best of Luck in your future years at S.F. Little Ed Fortner

A well-liked guy, Ed. was Treasurer of the Student Body in his Sophomore year, Secretary of the Sodality in 2nd year, and of the class in 4th year. Ed. views the passing of each semester as a bitter victory. He was manager of the Basketball team as a Soph, and has been a good Sodalist for three years. Fr. Paul will especially remember him as a "vocally active" Spanish student.

Ed. is a member of Holy Redeemer Parish

Leo Gerckens

Noted for his pear-shaped tones, "book-learning", and high grades, Leo wants to have his name added to the rostrum of St. Mary's. Leo who is always faithful to the Dominican Order, as noticed by our Capuchin Franciscan Fathers, intends to wear the white robe of the Dominicans and follow in the footsteps of Our Lord.

Leo claims St. Dominic's in Eagle Rock as his parish.

Best of luck to a swell guy!

Leo J. Gerckens II

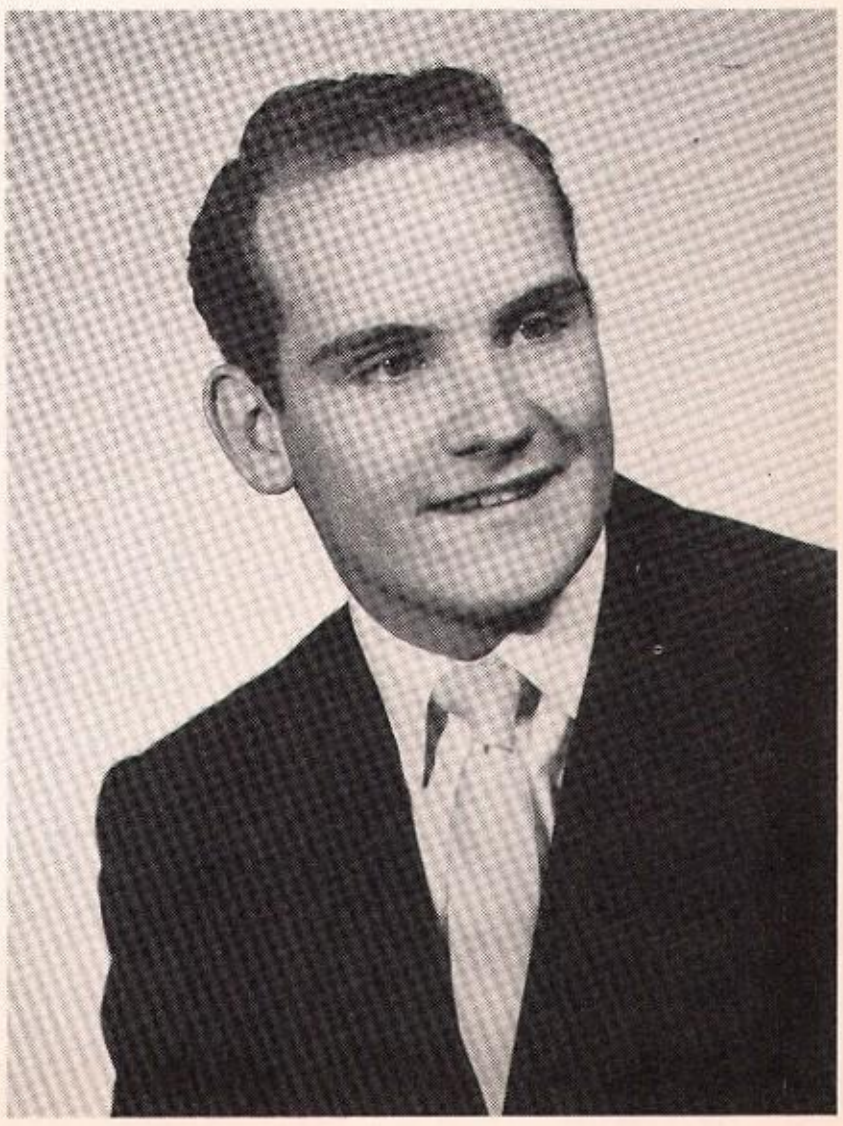
Rick Harper

Rick when he isn't being "funny as a crutch" himself, or snoozing, is the applause for Doyle's wise cracks. Big Rick Harper is the only four year football letterman in our class. A cast-off from the Rose Bowl Areas, Rick is the original back yard mechanic. He is Vice-Prexy of the Senior Class, and Prefect of the Sodality.

Rick attends St. Andrews Church in Pasadena.

Good luck to Kaw

Rick Harper



Clyde Hinckley

"Floyd", a member of the back row crowd, will be remembered as a "cycle boy" first, last, and always. Cams, headers, and mills are among the common words in his vocab. We think Clyde intends to be a grease monkey on the Azusa local, along with his friend Harry.

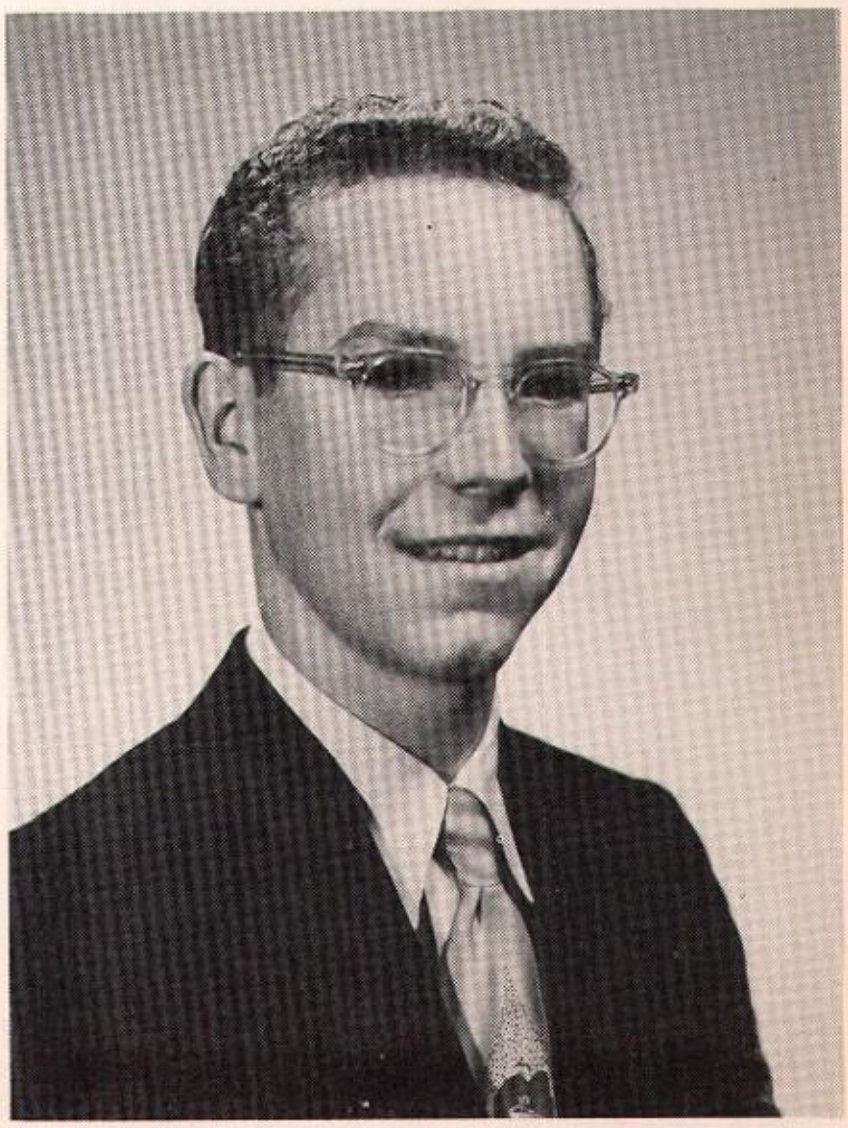
Clyde belongs to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

Good Luck at S F
Clyde Hinckley

Howard Jeffries

Jeff's main interest is talking, and in June the words heard will be "at last". Possibly Jeff will go into business retreading the tires his father sells, although there is nothing more tiring than re-tiring tired tires. Jeff was a member of the Sodality in his 1st and 2nd years.

A member of Holy Redeemer Parish.



Jack Jones

"Farmer Jones" is noted for his brilliant remarks in Fr. Alphonsus' class. Jack is a loyal member of Doherty's gopher council. Jones' main desire is to move to the middle west and till the soil while hearing his wife sing "Buttons and Bows". He already possesses a motorized covered wagon.

Jones is a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Best Wishes
John Paul Jones

Bill Kearney

The "demolished man" as evidenced by the fact that he hails from Cathedral High. He regards education as "force feeding" but Bill does all right on grades. He will probably remain in the "deadly city" so dear to his heart. As for the ambitions of Mr. Kearney we are in a fog; however we can say for sure he will enter an "improbable profession".

Bill is a member of Holy Family Parish.

Bill Kearney

Larry LeMone

"Baron" LeMone is the guy who has been doing the swell art in the Alvernian for the past three years. Larry is really hep when it comes to the latest disks, he has been writing the "Platter Chatter" section of the Knight Breeze. He also is the K.B. Sports Editor, and sports correspondent for the school this year. Larry played Varsity Basketball (2), and "B" Basketball (3 and 4). Larry helped spark the Football team on to victory as cheerleader (3).

Larry is a good member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Tom Maloney

The "Quiet Man" Tom is noted for his self-effacing manners. Tom pals around with Jones during school hours, but at home he spends his time "hopping up" Chrysler products. Tom would prefer to dream rather than study, but some say that his is a dreamer's world.

Tom is a member of St. Elizabeth's Parish.

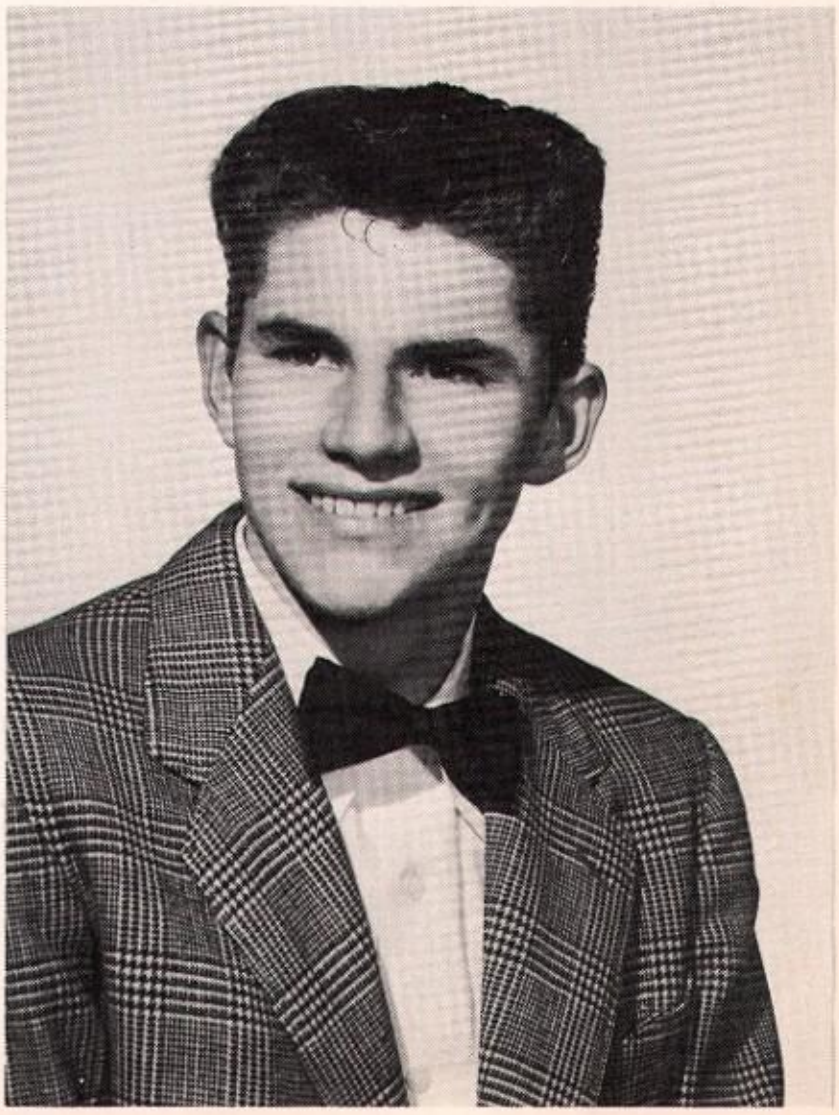
Tom Maloney

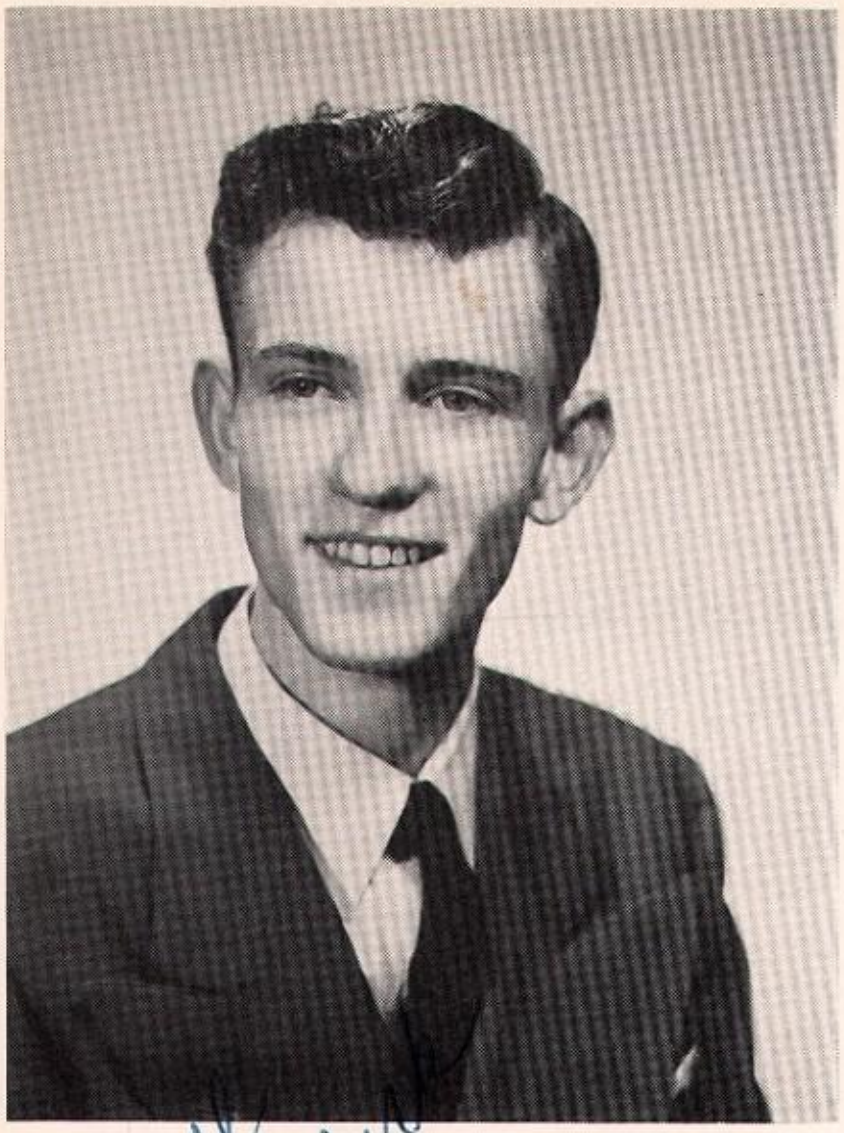
Bob Maney

Bob "Market Basket" Maney is well known as the business head of the Senior class; as fits his financier brain he is business manager of the Alvernian this year. Bob played Varsity Football in his Senior year, and Basketball in his Junior and Sophomore years. Bob intends to put "Painless Parker" to shame with his "Bacterium Bob-by extractions while U cringe" advertisement. Bob will be remembered around St. Elizabeth's Parish.

John Marx

John "crutches" Marx, knows now that motorcycles could use four wheels. But John intends to try to run his cycle up, what looks to us laymen, almost perpendicular cliffs. John is the only guy in the school with a genuine Texas accent. He attends Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.





To a swell guy — Lots of luck — Mike

Mike Marriott

Mike's singing ability bears a marked likeness to the style of Johnny Ray. Mike wants to be in the limelight too: as an announcer though. Tip to CBS: Don't use blue Studebakers as company cars; the dent-in kid has a knack for keeping body repair men in bread and butter. A lively, likeable, and laughable guy, Mike has been a member of the Sodality for three years.

Mike attends St. Elizabeth's Church.

John Nobrega

"Brother Sam", our Junior Class Treasurer, was a one man bureaucracy; innocent money went in and was harnessed in red tape, and to keep it there any method short of cutting off Washington's nose as security was used. Sam, future head of Unknowledge Inc., played baesball in his first and second years. He acted as the envoy to the ice cream stand for the lunch hour set this year.

John is a member of Sts. Felicitas and Perpetua Parish.

To a great guy
"Sam" John Nobrega

Tom Oldham

Tom is a newcomer this year, he hails from Columbus, Ohio. The "College Don" of our class will always be grateful to Fr. Cyril for giving him the opportunity to show his Eastern education. Tom realizes that in sports East and West agree, as he played Varsity Football and Basketball this year. Tom would be a good member of any Congressional debating group; he could confound Confucius.

Tom resides in Holy Redeemer Parish.

John Rockenbach

"Rocky" is one man who draws a big question mark about his future, or, for that matter, his present. The known facts are as follows:

(1) John views Spanish from a middle-of-the-road vantage.

(2) He pals around with whomever happens to be near, but mostly that is Fortner or Jeffries.

(3) "Rocky likes Chevvies".

(4) His favorite television program is "Space Patrol".

John attends St. Ignatius Church.

Joe Slavin

Joe is "big and bad" in other words just plain rough, but he only shows that off from his guard position on the Gridiron. Joe played Varsity Football 2,3, and 4, and was elected to the 2nd string All-Conference Team in his Senior year. "Bookie Joe" was a track man in his Junior and Senior years, played B Basketball 4 and Baseball 4. Joe must possess leadership qualities, because as President of the Senior Class he has won unanimous respect not only from the students but also from the faculty.

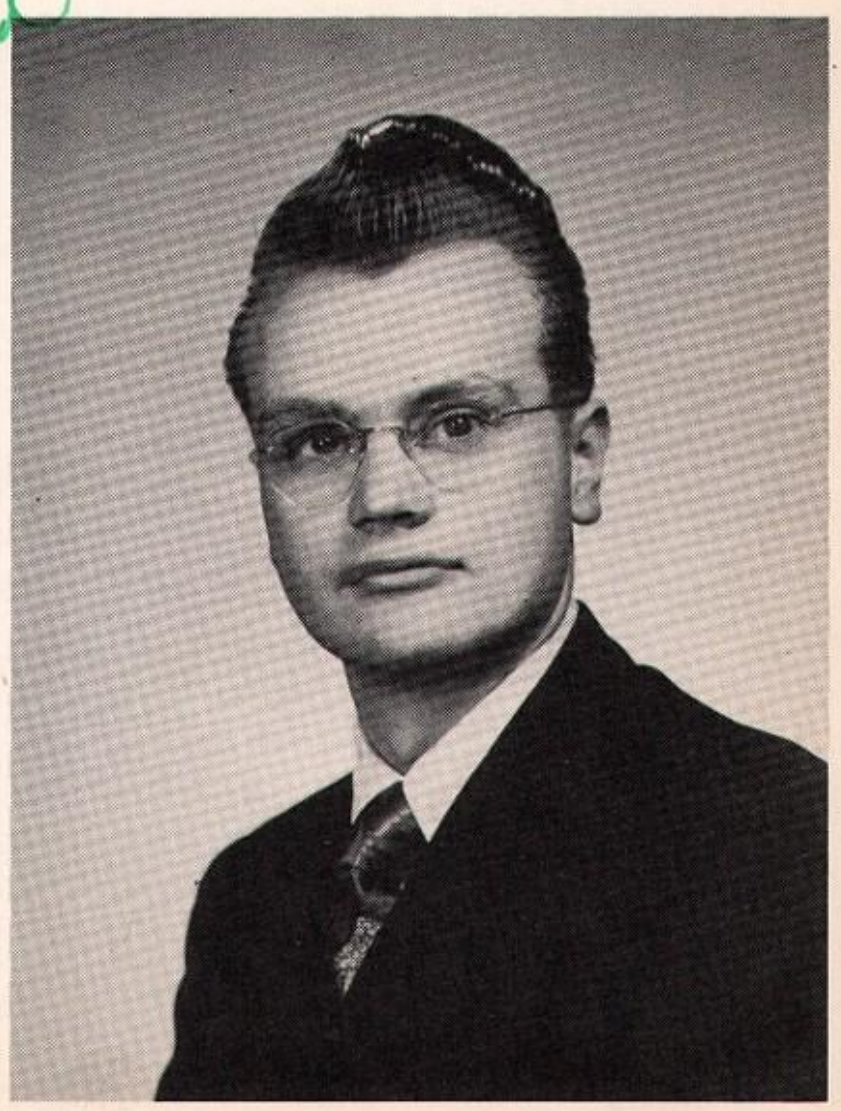
Joe is a member of St. Philips Parish

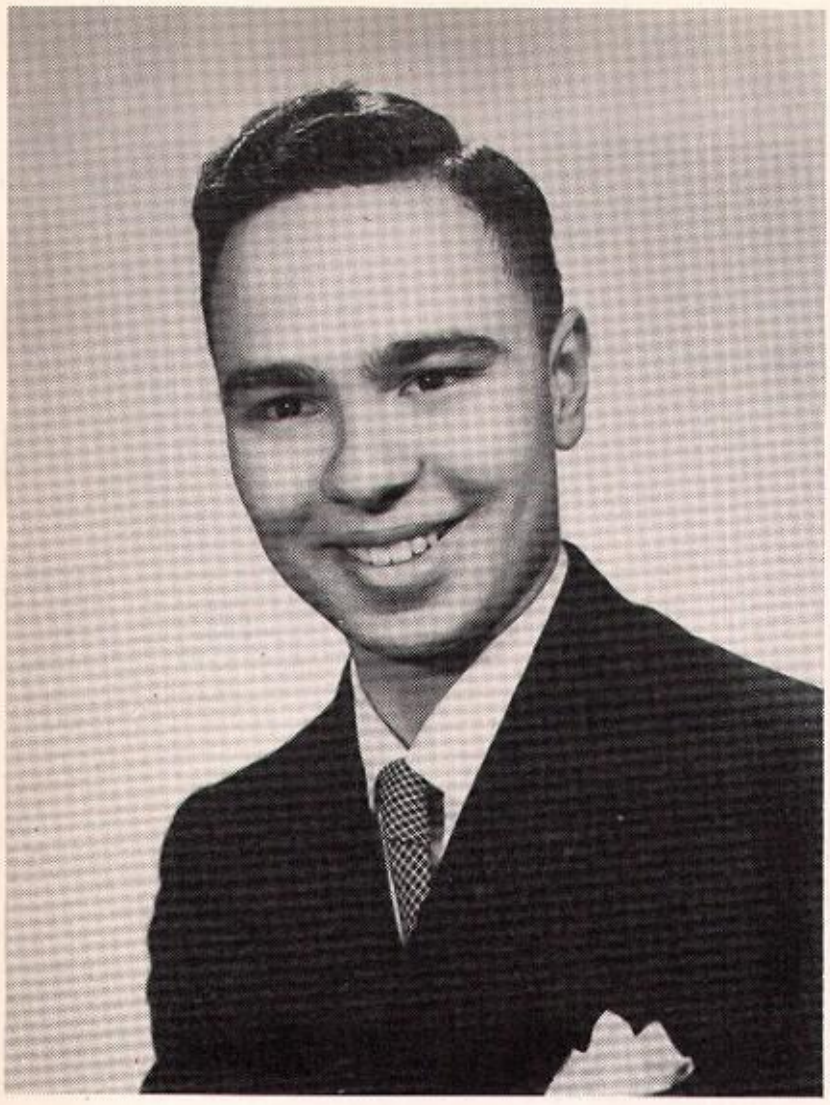
Bob Tenold

Bob Tenold

Bob sits in "educated row" during school hours. After 2:30 he stomps around on a drill field; a future member of the "Brass". Bob devotes his time in school activities to the Sodality. Bob "money bags" Tenold, the Senior Class Treasurer, drives a '52 Ford; better investigate the books, Fr. Cyril!

Bob attends Holy Redeemer Church.





Dave Veiga

"Dangerous Dave", our back row backslapper, played Varsity Football as a Senior, and "B" Basketball in his Sophomore year. Veiga subscribes to the '49 Chevy trend, but it looks as if it is an Indianapolis dream. A guy whom we all consider "exceedingiy george", Dave helped inspire our team in his position as cheerleader in his 2nd and 3rd year here. Veiga is a member of the Sodality this year. He is a member of St. Rita's Parish in Sierra Madre.

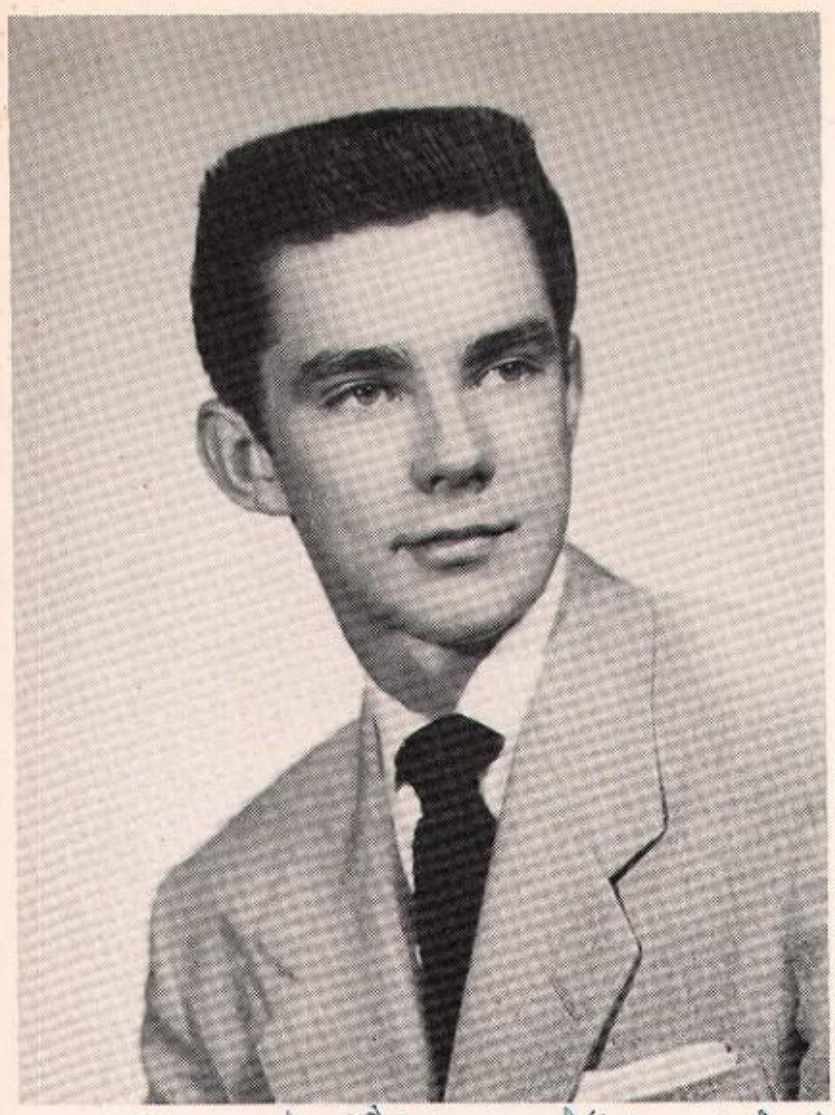
"Well" Craig, Lots of luck in the future If your lucky I'll see you in the future. "Dave"

Fred Weiser

Fred is a steadfast pal of Gerckens, was the chief vender at the "Casbah" for three years. This year the old gave way to the new as his "little" brother took over operation "Drumstick." Now Fred supplies the students of S.F. with "les libres" from the "knowing nook."

To the fastest Rat I ever saw

Fred Weiser



To "Thespian" "Be cool" Good Luck.
John Whalen.

John Whalen

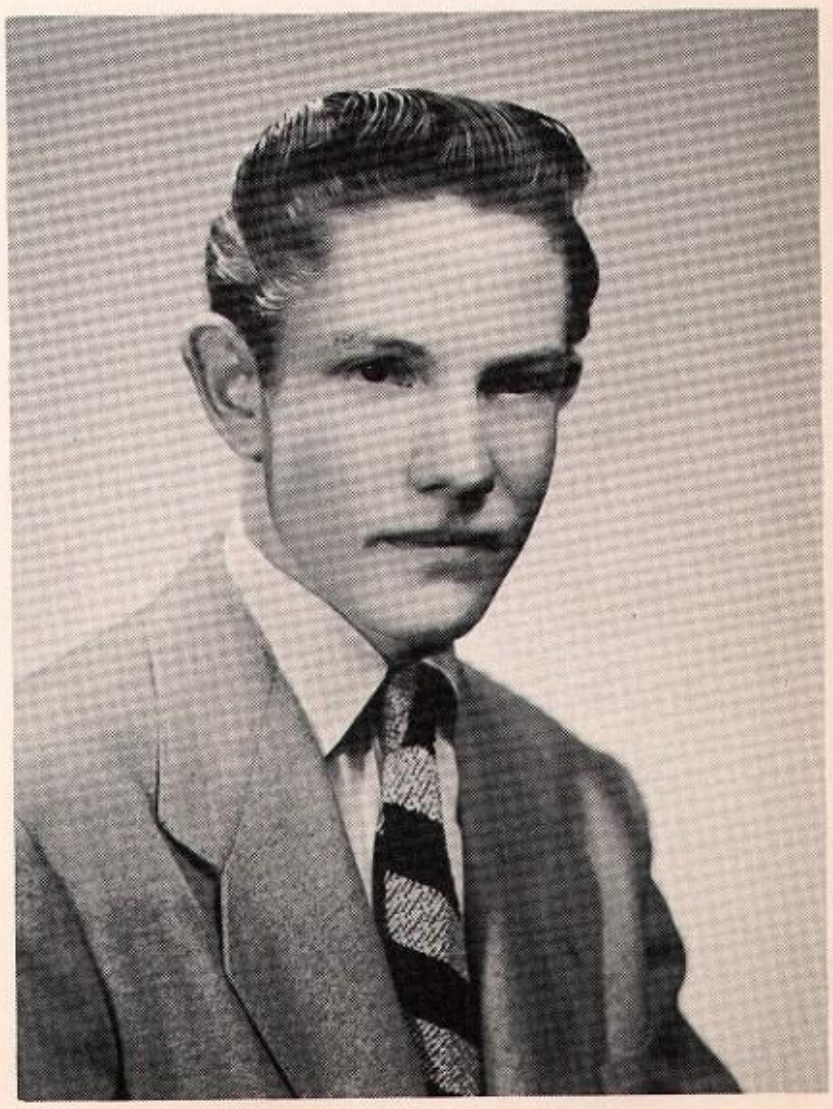
John was a member of S.F.H.S. in his Freshman year, the two year interlude between now and then was spent at Villanova. The "Joe Rough" of our class sits near the "middle row muddle" and lends moral support and sometimes "otherwise" to the "awful antics" of our class jesters. John is a swell guy who came "back like a flash" to the social life here.

John is a member of St. Elizabeths Parish.

John Ziemann

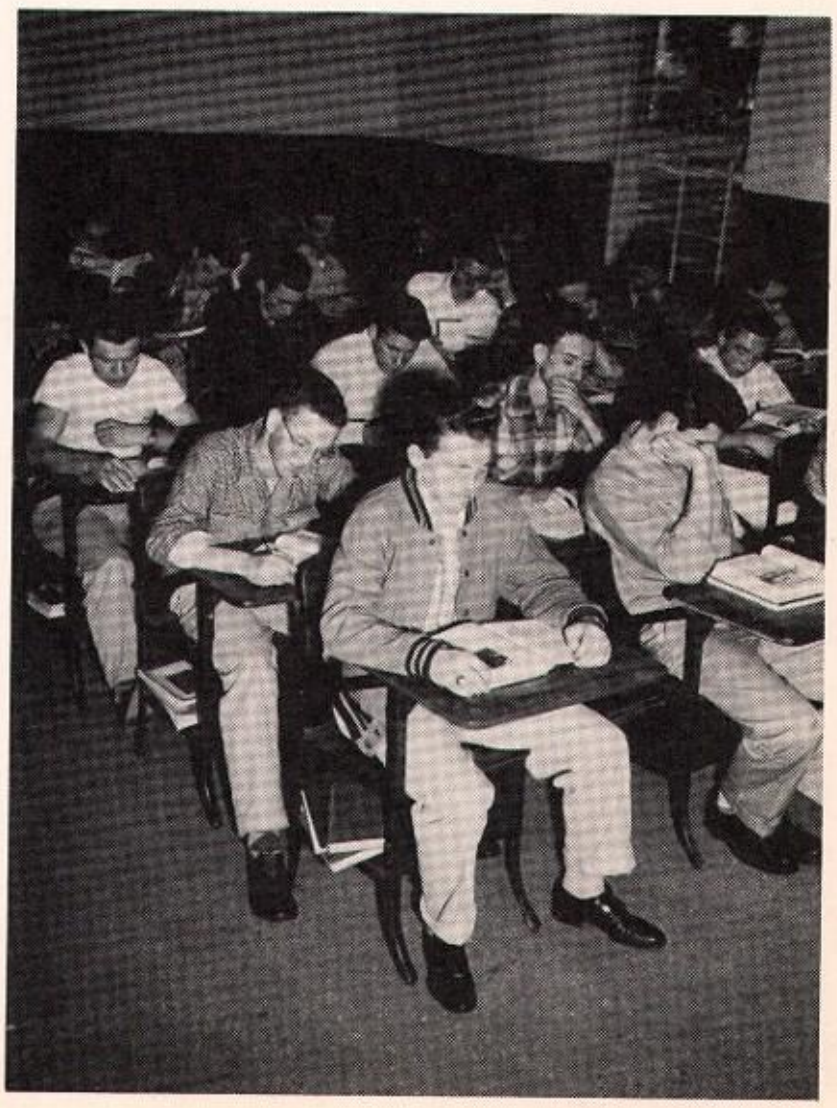
Johnny, our big social man, has a Pontiac with a violent attraction for trees and a strange indifference to fenders. The "Waverly Wanderer" played Varsity Football as a Senior, B Basketball in his 2nd year and Varsity basketball in his fourth year. A "Racket Squadder" John played tennis in his second and third year. A swell and sociable guy, he is a member of the sodality this year.

John is a member of St. Andrews Parish.



Fr. Cyril is on a page which is a "first" in the Alvernian. For never before has the Senior Home Room Teacher been pictured. We feel that after a hectic 1953 Fr. Cyril deserves a little recognition. We wish to thank him for the extra classes he has taught this year, and also thank him for the spark of originality which his regular classes never fail to produce. We Seniors will remember Father too, for his "patrol" duties during noon time, we should be the most mathematical minded rubbish collectors in the city.

Here in this room all of us have written a chapter in our lives. For some the chapter might be from an adventure story, for others from a textbook, and for the rest from a gag book. But when thrown all together we have a pretty good story of goodwill, swell times, and knowledge which comes from books, and a lot that does not.



Hall of Fame

SPORTSMAN

His name was synonymous with sports, and no doubt a more facile sports pen than ours would call him "Mr. Sportsman!" But we are not sports-writers. Our task is simply to record our admiration of a great athlete and a wonderful guy. You can say that again—that he was a great athlete. Look at his record: the **only** player in the Catholic Conference to be rendered All-Conference honors in **all three** major sports. Add to this the fact that he was also voted the **most valuable** player in Basketball, and you get an idea of why we think that while many of his team-mates played as well none played as good; that while some starred some of the time, and others starred most of the time, he starred all of the time. Sure, he had his off-days — what athlete has not — but he was never a quitter. It is of such stuff as he that athletes are made, though we privately think that he was born one. It was for such achievements, plus a winning personality and a keen sense of good sportsmanship, that the Athletic Staff selected, and the Alvernian recognizes, as Sportsman of the Year . . . **Mike Flaaten.**

He was the quiet kind — you know, the one who didn't say much or brag much. You might pass him over very easily in a crowd; you might not even give him a second thought. But, if you spoke with him for a while, you couldn't help noticing a seriousness to him and an earnestness about him that reminded you of the old saying about still waters running deep. And they really ran deep in his case — ran deep in the field of studies and in the worthy ambition to make his studies the most important thing in his high school life. That was the goal he set himself as a Freshman, and that was the goal he had achieved as a Senior. His academic record is impressive — one to admire greatly and to emulate strongly. We believe he is proud of his record — as he should be. But we also believe that his pride is based on the recognition that his talents were given to him by Almighty God to be used for His greater Honor and Glory. We could say more about him, but we think we have said enough to convince you that no one among us was more deserving of the title, and no one more entitled to the Alvernian accolade of salute, as . . . **Honor Student Leo J. Gerckens.**

HONOR STUDENT

Class Will

Doyle
Scotch Grains
to
Hand

Burris
Racing Form
to
Burris

Marriott
Spanish Books
to
The Spaniards

Gerckens
His Glasses
to
McMann

"Kearney
Bonecrusher"
title to
O'Brien

Maloney
His
Vocabulary
to
Mac Arthur

Flaaten
His
"Jump Shot"
to
Zuniga

Fortner
dance steps
to
Traughber

Farrell
Used Trans Gears
to
Booth

Fay
Long Neck
to
Gordo

Hinckley
Hot Rod & Custom Book
to
"Pinky"

Marx
Cast & Crutches
to
Trainer

Clark
Chrome Pistons
to
Hand

Maney
His Cleats
to
Magaw

Whalen
Haircut & Build
to
Cage

Oldham
Sense of Humor
to
Cooper

Veiga
Hot Hubs
to
Gomez

Slavin
Leaves title
of "Bookie"
to Walter
Burris

Conover
Suede belt slightly
used to
Cannell

LeMone
His Black Shirts to
Booth
and
His Press Card
to Fr. Lawrence

The
Seniors
Leave
S.F.

Ziemann
His Agency
to the
Under-Classmen

Wieser
50 lbs.
to
Carter

Cameron
Box
of Tacks
to Sachs

Harper
hairy chest
to
Queraley

Jeffries — dirty
locker to
Ferry

Rockenback
Transit Union
Card
to
Downs

Doherty
old razor
blades to
"Pinky"

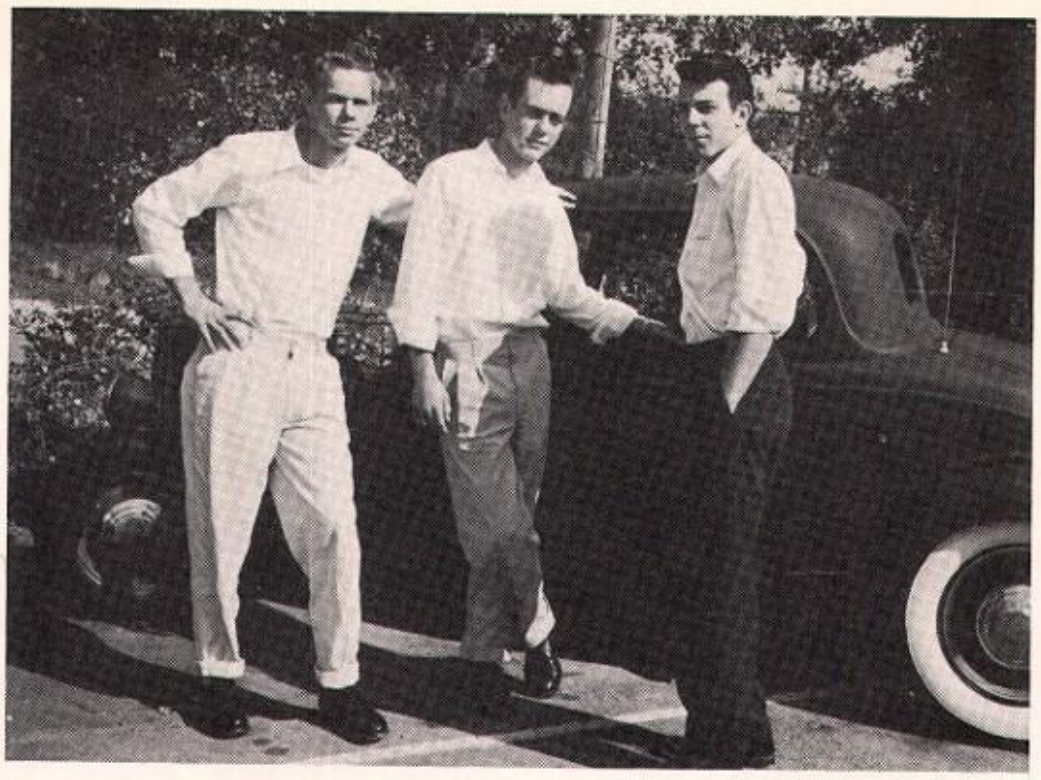
Nobrega
shined boots
to
Burris

Jones
lawn mower
mechanic
job to
Cleary

Prophecy

Kearney will work in Glendale
Shining cuspidors in the city jail
Hinckley will be found at dawn
Picking Harry from off the lawn
Rockenbach will drive a truck
What a way to make a buck!
Nobrega will his brain exhaust
Explaining the profit his store has lost
Marriott will be a car designer
Trying ot find which lines are finer
Oldham will help the white-coated guys
Iron the wrinkles out from under his eyes.
Marx will be around on a cycle
Trying to get into another pickle
Jones will make his mint of cabbage
Selling moleskin-covered baggage
Maloney with his command of words
Will teach the history of ants and birds
Cameron will be in the Arctic Sea
Doing a takeoff on Kon Tiki
Burris at Surfside will be
Throwing kelp back into the sea
Doherty along the ground will crawl
Looking for snakes, and gophers, and all.
Doyle will be a comedian you see
Drawing his paycheck from N.B.C.
Conover will be polishing the cars
Of all the little men from Mars
Farrell at Oakridge, Tenn. will lurk
Stealing secrets for his Chemistry work
Fay will be found at White Sands
Retreading tires with rubber bands
Fortner, our budding horticulturist,
Will grow Petunias with a pretzel twist.
Jeffries so goes the tale
Will sell smoking jackets at a fire sale
Veiga around Pasadena will roar
Hitting pedestrians and keeping the score
Gerckens will study in crannies and nooks
And read all the latest in comic books
Slavin will be Las Vegas bound
Spinning roulette wheels 'round and 'round
LeMone in a ballet will star
We hope his travels will take him far
Weiser in a circus will double
In case the elephant has trouble
Tenold will be head of R.O.T.C.
Training soldiers and generals to be
Flaaten—The Rugby team will be his goal.
After Saint Francis gives him his scroll.
Clark a newspaper will run
A scandal sheet called the "Daily Sun"
Maney that cool business head
Should keep any company in the red.
Whalen all out for law and order
Will hustle wetbacks across the border
Zeimann a towing service will possess
To bolster Pontiacs in distress
Harper a swanky gym will own
For heavyweights who grunt and groan.

JUNIORS



D. Cooper, P. Downs, W. Booth

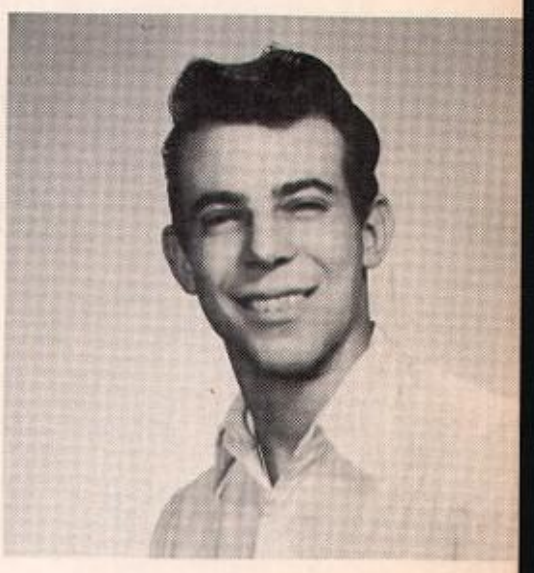
Fr. Alphonsus

Hanley, Burris, Patterson

Shaal, Ferry, Quealy

McMann, Treanor, Hand, Linkogle

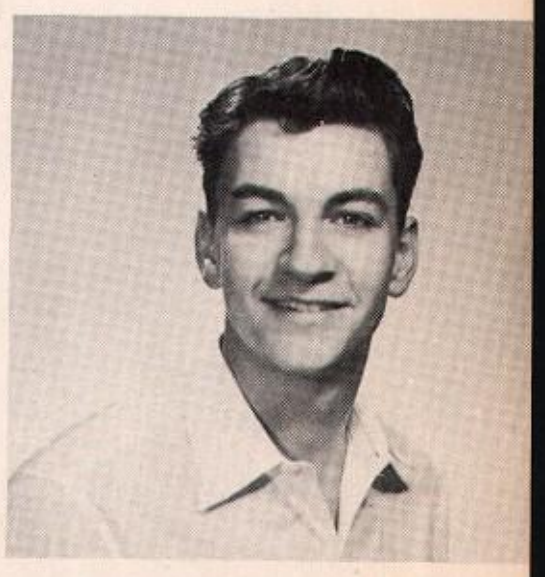
Walter Burris, Pres.



Wayne Booth, Vice-Pres.

Schaub, Sage, McArthur, Rohan

Ed McArthur, Sec.



Mike McMann, Treas.

SOPHOMORES

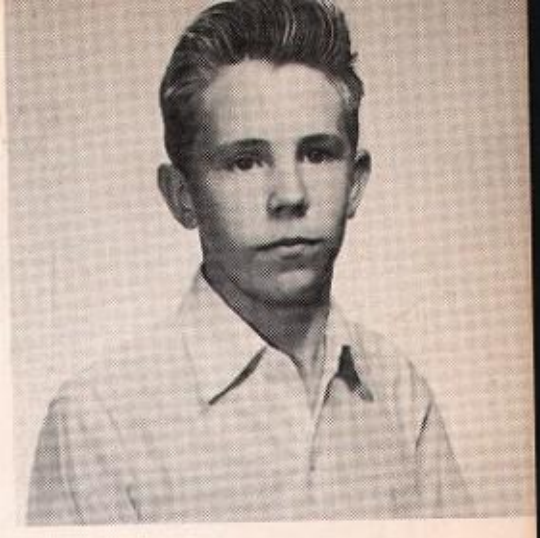
Fr. Lawrence

TOP: Luchsinger, Grange, Traughber, Smith
BOTTOM: Rockenbach, Cannell, Cloran, Sheedy

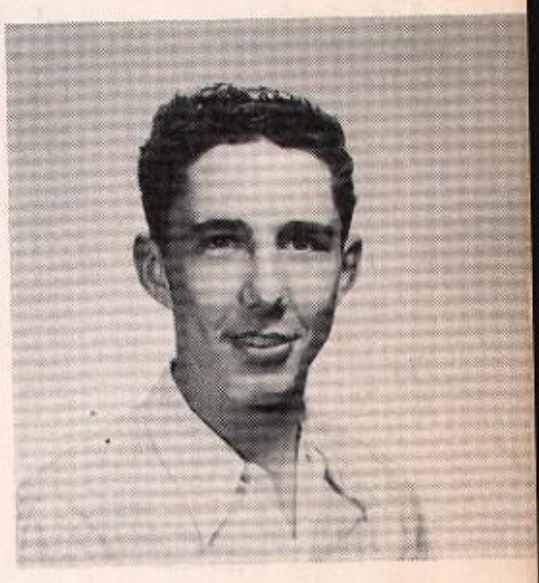
TOP: Sachs, Draney, Holten, Cleary
BOTTOM: Williams, Gomez, Daniels, Young

TOP: Robertson, McNamara, A. Hawley, Reardon
BOTTOM: Cage, Lechner, Letl, Brand

TOP: DeClerk, McLean, Rogers, Patterson, Carleton, Lovejoy
BOTTOM: Bereznak, Griffin, Hopkins

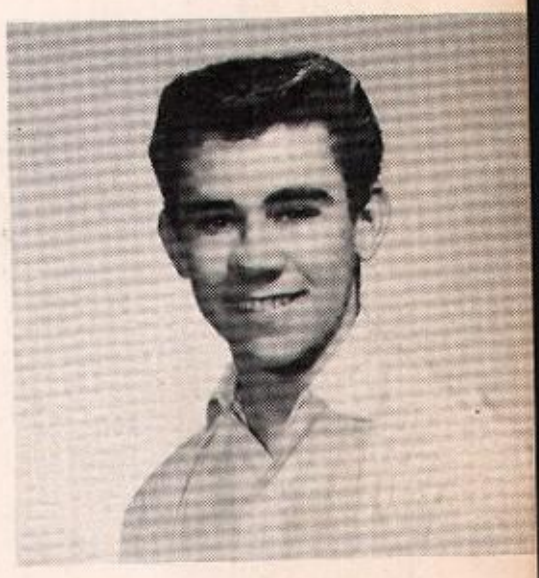


Danny Karig, Pres.

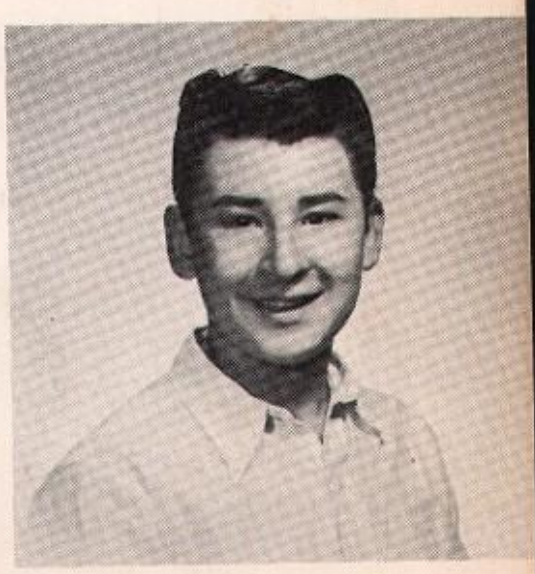


Pat Lovejoy, Vice-Pres.

TOP: Heddell, Denning, Brown, Schmader, McCarthy, Orozco
BOTTOM: Carter, Karig, Kinney



Lee Brand, Sec.



Tony Gomez, Treas.

FRESHMEN

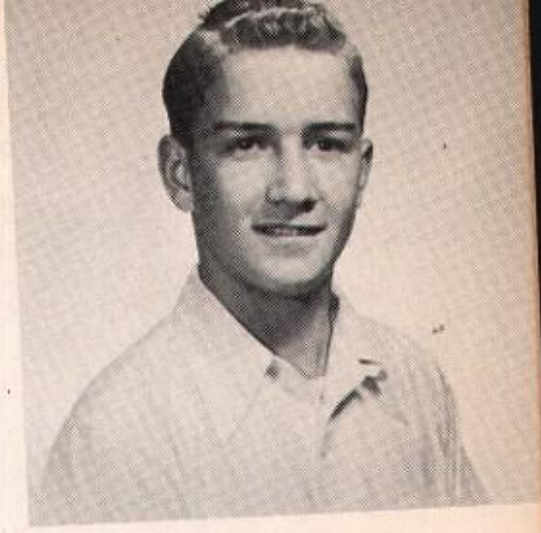
Fr. Rupert

TOP: Harper, Slavin, Cleary, Gomez, Stansbury
BOTTOM: Fay, Walters, Stelzer, Eisle

TOP: Glenn, Hoover, Mills, Fenoglio
BOTTOM: Evans, Henry, Lobdell, Ritter, Baron

TOP: Rossi, Lauck, Wieser, Shea
BOTTOM: Mandekic, Del Duca, Rohan, Zuniga, Majerus

TOP: Magaw, Neal, Quinn, McMahon
BOTTOM: Lester, Mitchell, Davis, Messersmith



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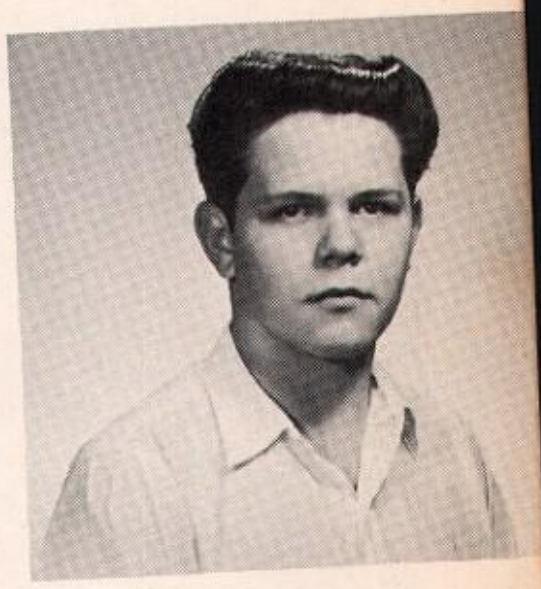
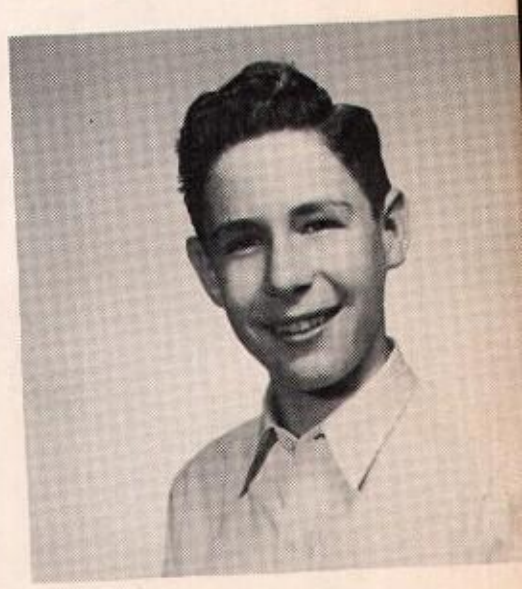


Bob Fay, Vice-Pres.

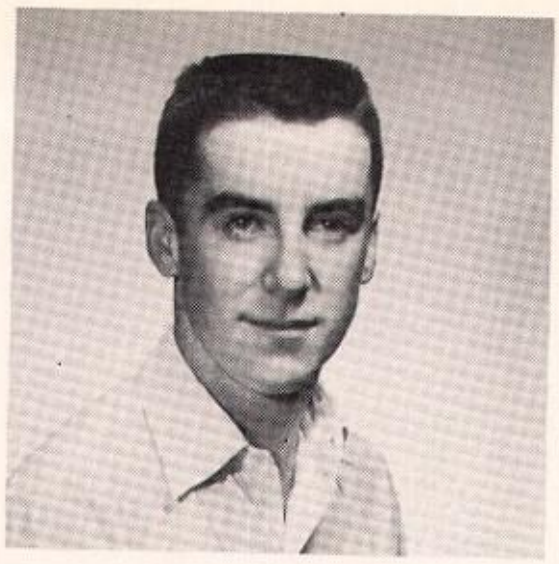
Bob Dolan, Sec.

TOP: Robinson, O'Connor, Rockhill, Bird
BOTTOM: Degheri, Barbaro, Schaffer, Tabery, Martinez



Raymond Wolters, Treas.

STUDENT



Student Body Pres.
Bob Doyle

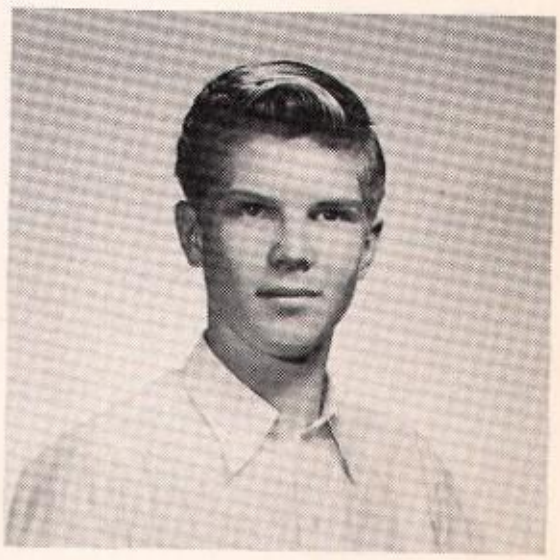
Senior V. Pres.
Rick Harper

Good gopher hunting
Pete Ferry

Student Body Sec.
Pete Ferry

Student Body V. Pres.
Bill Conover

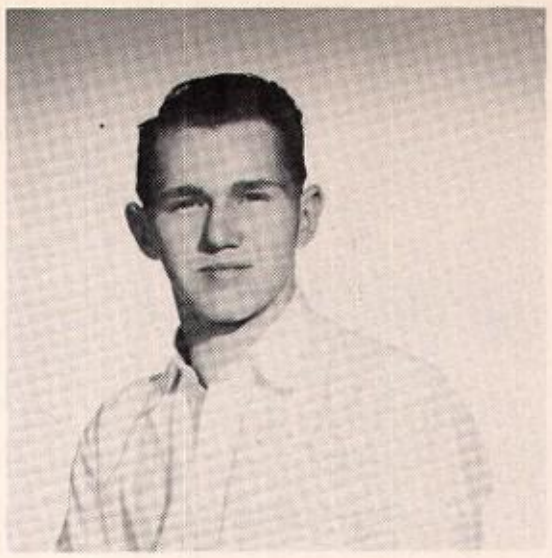
Junior V. Pres.
Wayne Booth



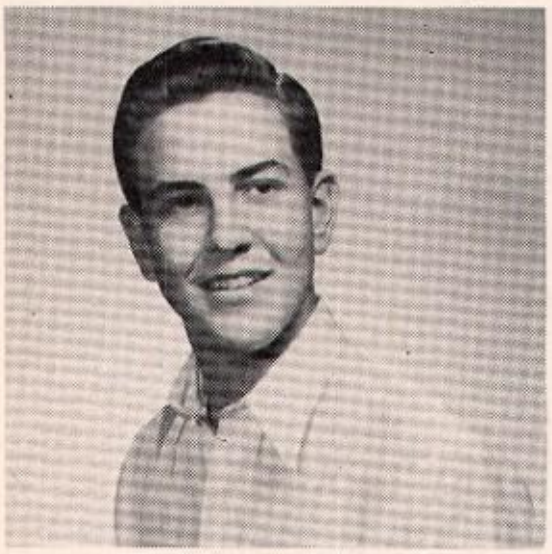
Student Body Treas.
Bill Carleton

COUNCIL

Sophomore V. Pres.
Pat Lovejoy



Senior Pres.
Joe Slavin



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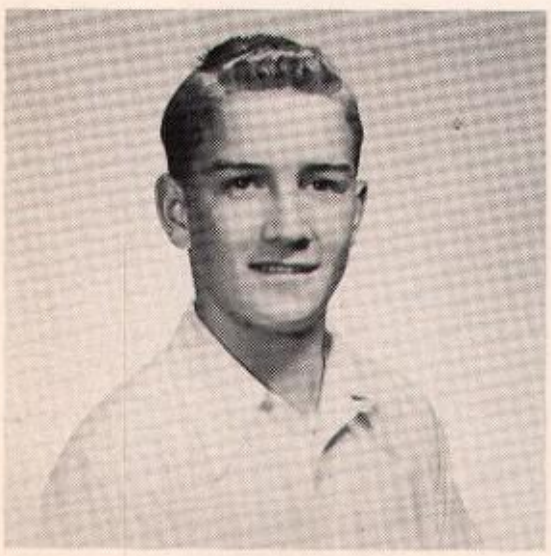
Danny Karig



Freshman Pres.
Dennis Harper

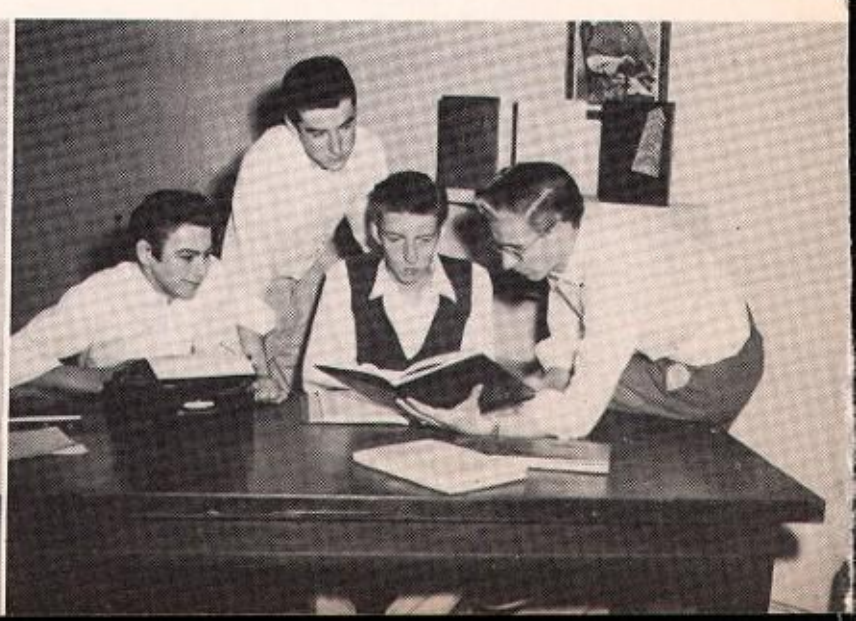
Freshman V. Pres.
Bob Fay

GRADUATION 1952

Tuesday evening, June 10, 1952, was another brilliant evening in the short history of Saint Francis. From the Right Reverend Monsignor Thomas O'Regan, representing His Excellency, the Archbishop, twenty-seven Seniors received their Diplomas of Graduation. A highlight of the occasion, and an innovation in the school, was the Valedictory Address, capably delivered by Honor Student, Lawrence Rolle. Speaker for the Graduation was the Reverend John Sheridan, Director of the Catholic Information Center and Administrator of Our Lady Chapel in downtown Los Angeles. Among the distinguished guests of Saint Francis was the Reverend Patrick Roche, Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Archdiocese. The coveted Sportsman Award went to popular athlete, Bob Kelly. Directing the choral group of the school was Matthew Prosper, who had Mrs. Prosper as the accompanist. All circumstances and ceremony combined to render this 1952 Graduation not so much "another graduation" as another memorable event in the history of what, for us, in a few weeks more, will be our "Alma Mater".

ALVERNIAN STAFF

This year the Alvernian Staff set a goal; it was to produce the best annual St. Francis has ever seen. We, the staff, Bob Clark, editor; Jim Farrell, associate editor; Bob Maney, business manager; Bob Doyle, sports editor; Larry LeMone, art editor; Wayne Booth, assistant editor; Tom Rohan, assistant business manager and Fr. Alphonsus our advisor, hope we have produced a year book that will long be treasured by the students of St. Francis.



KNIGHT BREEZE

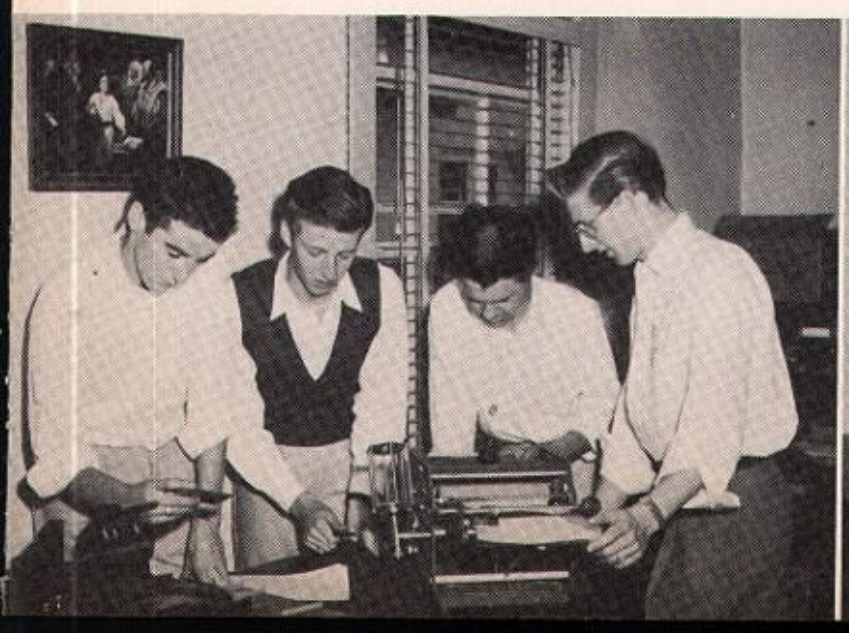
This year, four members of the Senior Class took upon themselves the responsibility of publishing the "new" Knight Breeze. The Knight Breeze is still the same good reading, but now it has more print and is a financial success.

Editor—Bob Doyle

Business Manager—Bob Maney

Sports Editor—Larry LeMone

Associate Editor—Jim Farrell



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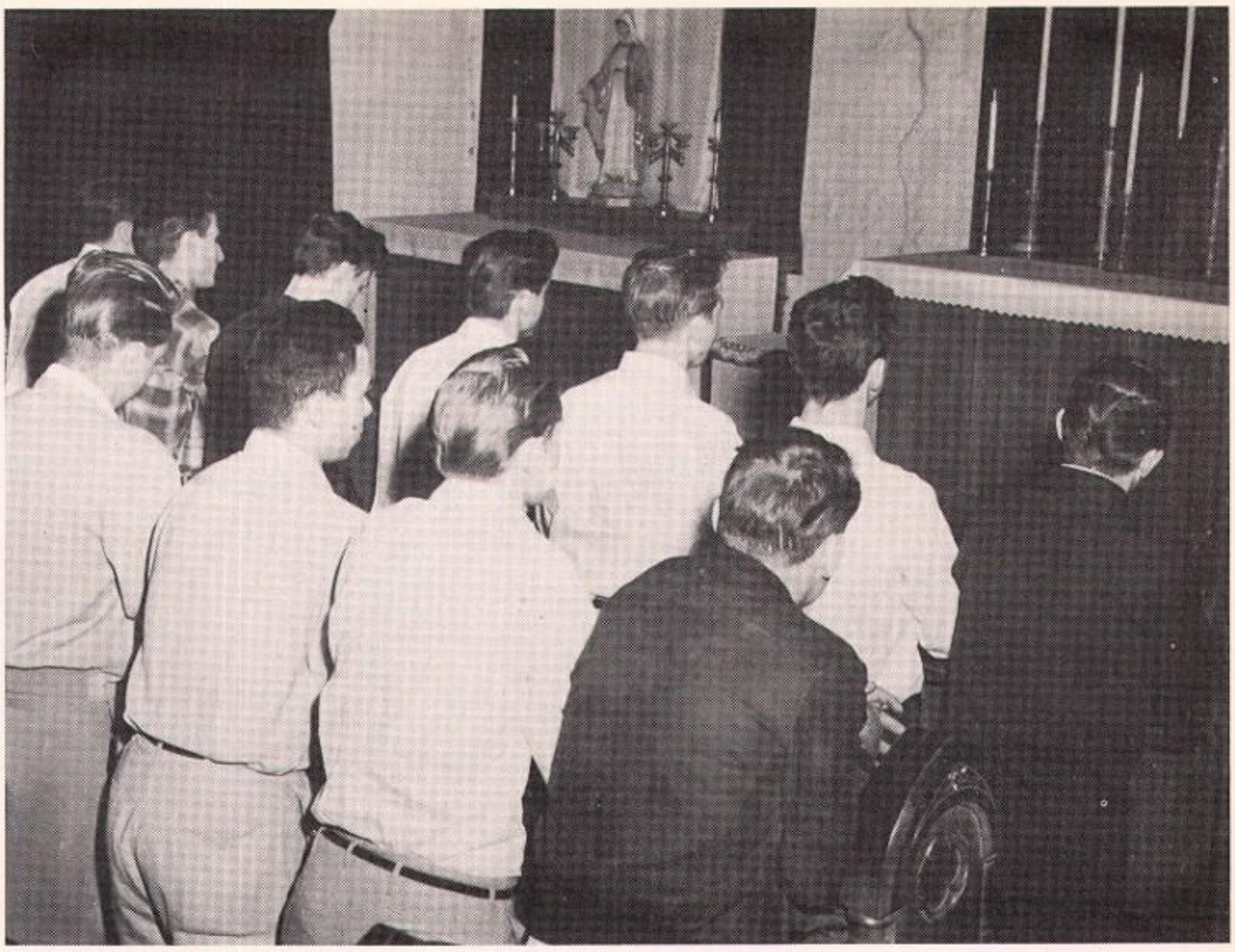
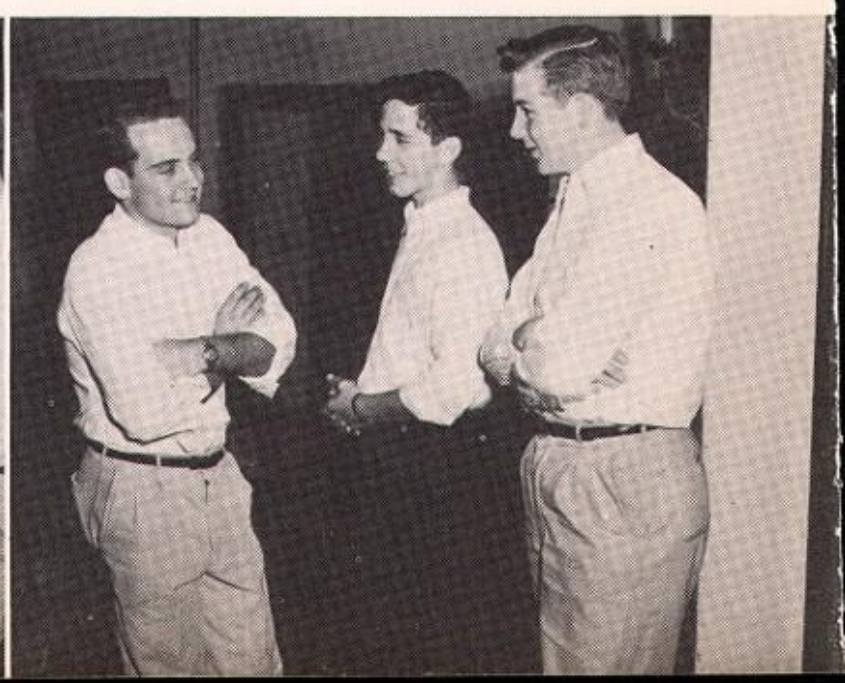
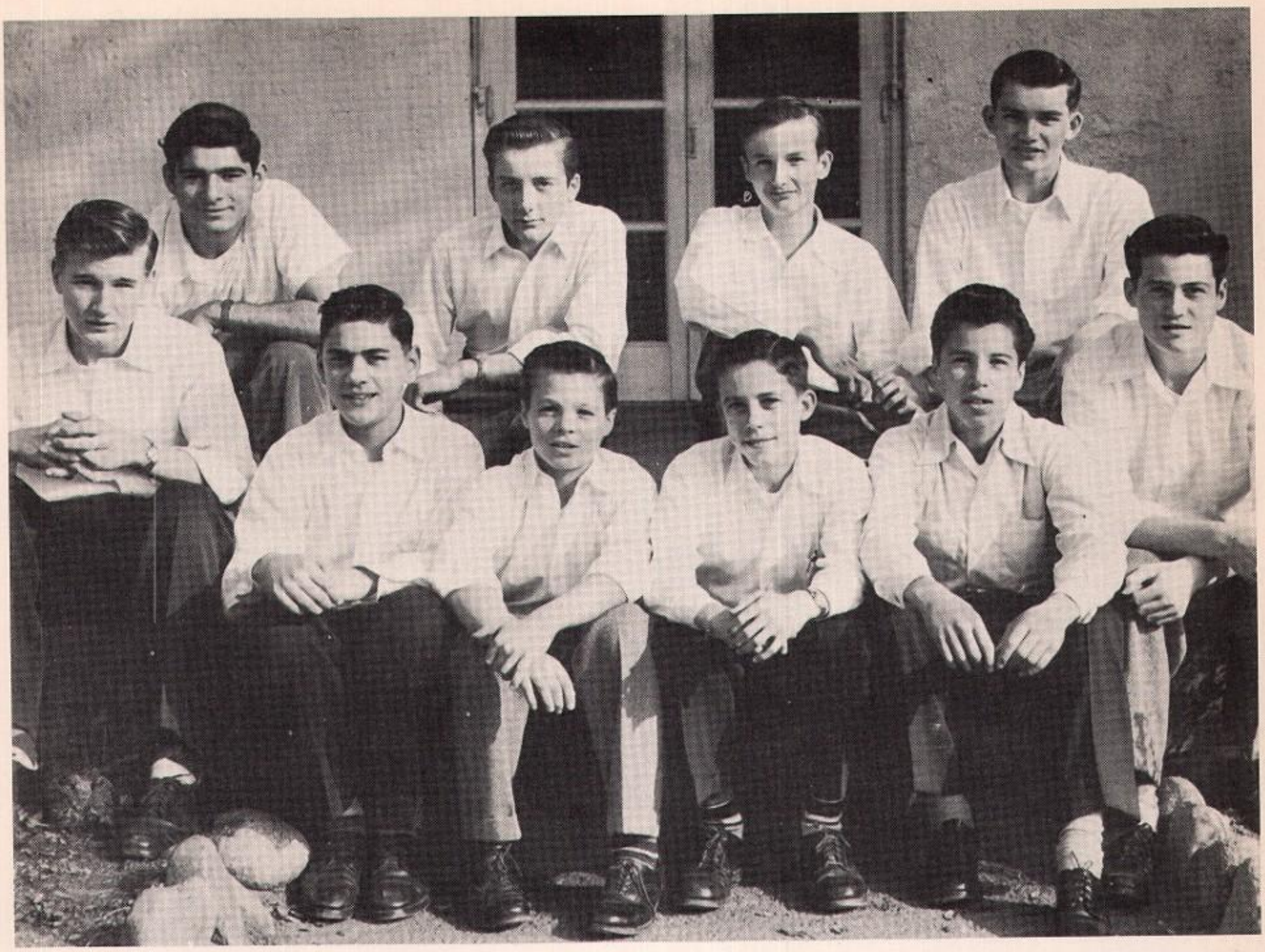


Conscious of the valour, chivalry, and devotion expected of Knights, the members of our Sodality have pledged their Knightly fidelity to Our Blessed Lady: (1) in their personal imitation of her virtues, (2) in defending her honor in the world today. The practical summary of this is the Sodality Pledge. To recite the Rosary daily; to make a visit every day; to attend Mass daily; to receive Holy Communion six times monthly; to observe first Saturdays in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Fr. Rupert, Lovejoy, Harper, Ferry

R. Harper, P. Lovejoy, P. Ferry





The Franciscan order was founded by St. Francis of Assissi in 1209. There are three branches of the Franciscan Family: the Friars Minor (O.F.M.), the Friars Minor Conventual (O.F.M. Conv.), and the Friars Minor Capuchin (O.F.M. Cap.). The Capuchin Order is a world wide organization consisting of well over 14,000 members. The Capuchin Province of St. Patrick has been working since 1910 along the California and Oregon seaboard, and also in Delaware. Our Seminary here, established in 1946, has as its primary aim the education of boys for the Capuchin Priesthood. Do your part by praying for vocations.

Seminary Director
Father Cyril

COACH
JOHN PACHECO

FOOTBALL

PIGSKIN PARADE

St. Francis entered the Catholic Conference pigskin race with John Pacheco guiding the fortunes of the squad for the second year.

The Knights were hindered by their lack of experience and depth, with only five lettermen returning from the 1951 squad. Coach Pacheco molded them into a hard-fighting team, despite these handicaps. The Knights will be battling to put next year's gridiron aggregation at the top of the Conference.

C. C. STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
St. Joseph	6	0
Star of Sea	4	1
Mission	4	2
Mater Dei	2	2
Bellarmine	2	3
St. Francis	1	5
St. Agnes	0	6

SCORING RECAP

S. F.	0	Notre Dame	12
S. F.	13	St. Agnes	0
S. F.	8	Bellarmine	14
S. F.	14	Cantwell	19
S. F.	13	Mater Dei	14
S. F.	7	Mission	16
S. F.	0	St. Joseph	59
S. F.	2	Mary Star	32

TOP ROW

NAME	POS.	NO.
Fr. Lawrence	Moderator	
Grange T.	T	28
McLean R	E	31
Ferry P.	F	21
Downs P.	E	16
Cooper D.	E	24
Flaaten M.	QB	36
Oldham T.	HB	33
Rochenbach J.	HB	14
Pacheco, John	Coach	

All Conference: Mike Flaaten
Hon. Mention: Joe Slavin and Don Cooper
Co-Captains: Joe Slavin, Mike Flaaten

MIDDLE ROW

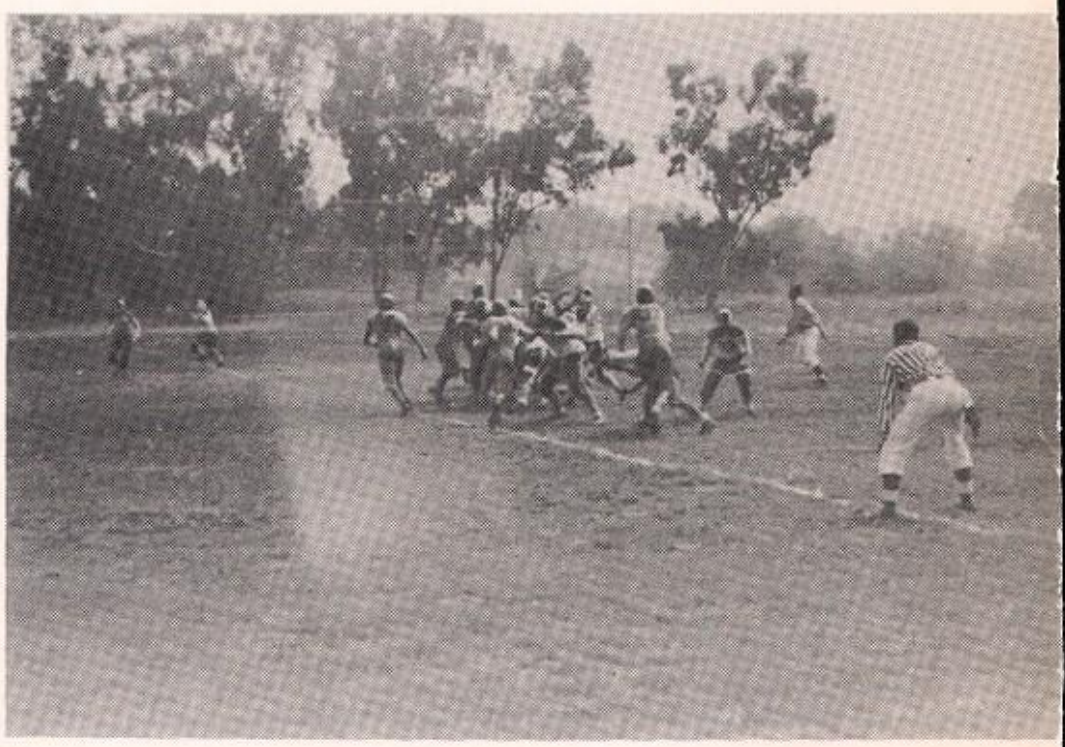
NAME	POS.	NO.
Brand L.	G	27
Gomez F.	G	34
Hopkins	HB	19
McGaw B.	HB	10
Viega D.	C	17
Ziemann J.	C	31
Maney B.	HB	32
Lovejoy P.	HB	11
Gomez T.	G	13

BOTTOM ROW

Fenoglio	T	40
Rohan T.	G	29
Marx B.	G	15
Booth W.	T	42
Neal T.	T	20

Cantwell 14-19

Using mostly reserves, the Knights lost their second non-league outing to the Cantwell J.V.s, 19-14. Cantwell's machine scored in the first, second, and fourth quarters. Harper and Cooper spearheaded the Knight's attack.



Mater Dei 13-14

The "Monarchs" of Mater Dei, playing inspired ball, began with a fast start and nosed out the Knights 14-13. John Pacheco's gridders were led by Ends Cooper and Downs.

Mission 7-16

The green-clad "Pioneers" of San Gabriel Mission stopped the Knights' second half bid for victory to whip St. Francis 16-7. The Knights scored on a pass from Flaaten to Cooper.

Notre Dame 0-12

The Knights' first encounter of the 1952 season was a 12-0 setback to a rugged Notre Dame J.V. squad. The Irish scored once through the air and once on the interception route.

St. Agnes 13-0

A visiting St. Agnes "11" was smashed 13-0 as the Knights' ground game finally began to roll behind sharp blocking. Fullback Rick Harper scored both touchdowns for the Knights.

Bellarmine 8-14

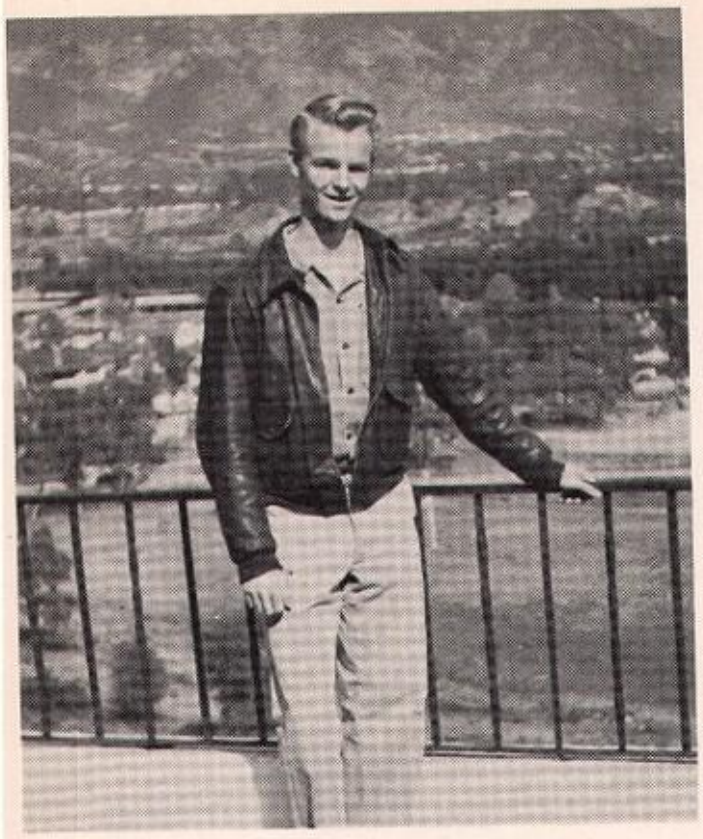
Bellarmine led by halfback Bob Busby and Quarterback Tom Doyle clipped S.F. 14-8. The first half was a scoreless contest, but the second half was wide open with the guards scoring twice on runs by Busby. The Knights' Flaaten scored a t.d. and a host of S.F. tacklers scored a safety.

St. Joseph's 0-59

In a rough encounter on the winner's field, the Knights couldn't hold down the touchdown-hungry C.C. Champs from Pomona. The power-laden Spartans led by Henry Yepy ran up a 59-0 score before the gun sounded.

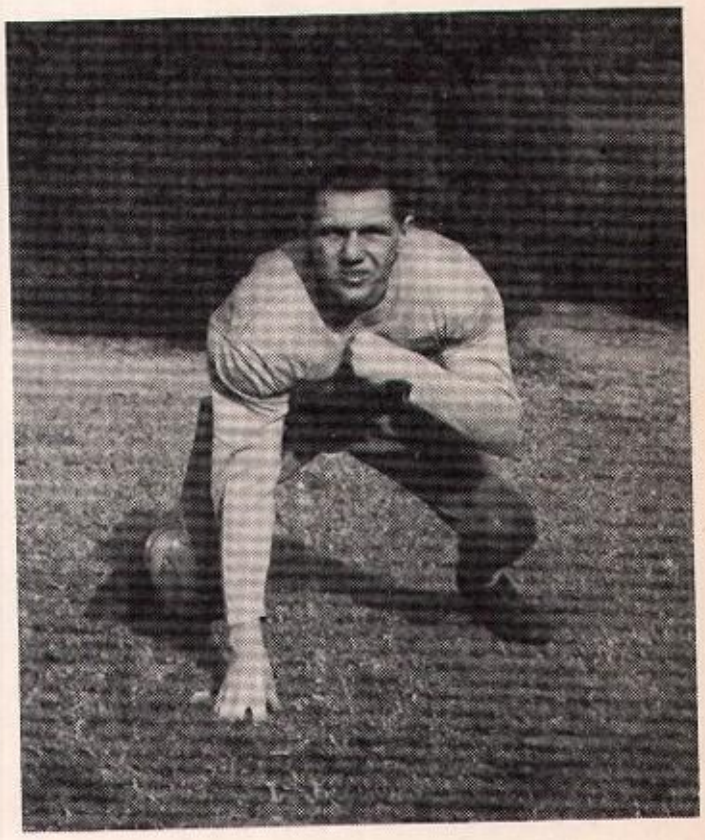
Mary Star of the Sea 2-32

The season came to an end with St. Francis on the short side of a 32-2 score. The Knights' only score came on a safety when Don Cooper trounced Calwell in his own end zone.



MIKE FLAATEN

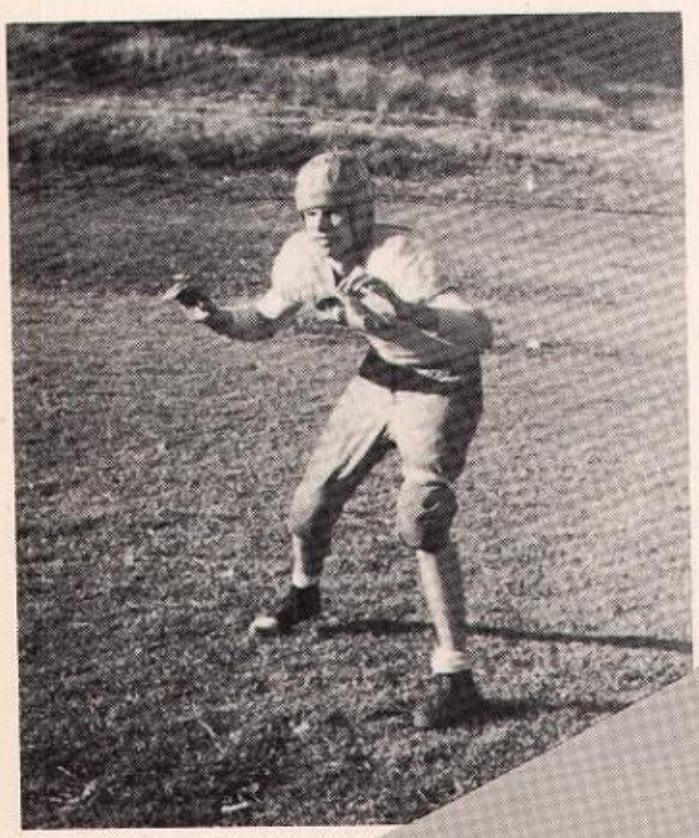
The spearhead of the S.F. gridiron attack, Mike was selected to fill the quarterback slot on the All-Conference Football Team. Flaaten won the berth with the brilliant passing, running, and punting that he displayed during the campaign. The versatile "Flying Dutchman" will be remembered for his spectacular leadership of the St. Francis football squad.



JOE SLAVIN

Guard Joe Slavin, right, and End Don Cooper, below, received honorable mention from the Catholic Conference for their outstanding play during the football season. Slavin and Cooper were tops in their blocking and pass catching respectively, and their fiery will to win.

DON COOPER



All Conference Stars

COACH
WAYNE STEPHANOFF

BASKETBALL

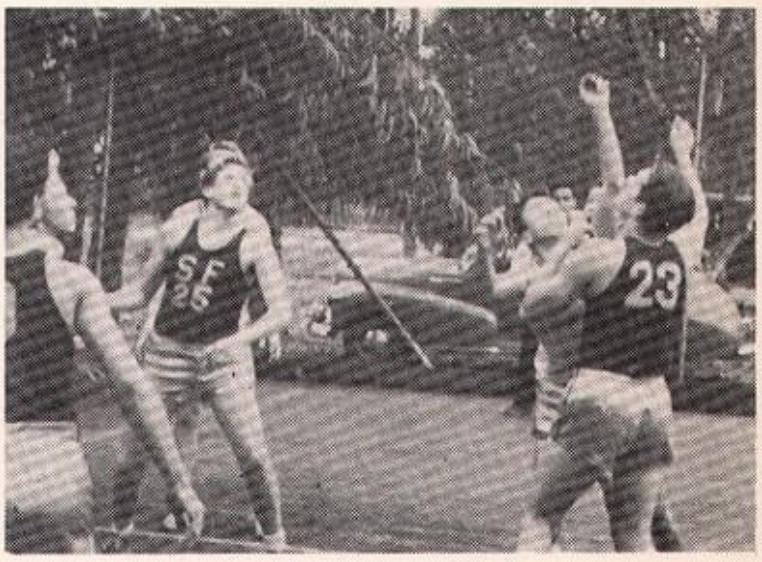
C. C. RECAP

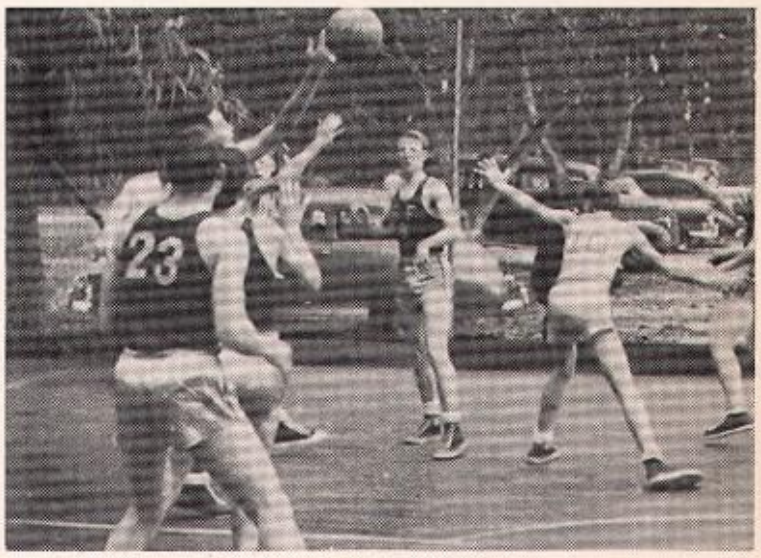
S.F.	36	Bellarmine
S.F.	45	Mission
S.F.	39	St. Agnes
S.F.	38	Pomona
S.F.	18	Mater Dei
S.F.	36	Bellarmine
S.F.	32	Mission
S.F.	29	Mater Dei
S.F.	41	Mary Star
S.F.	28	St. Agnes
S.F.	47	Pomona

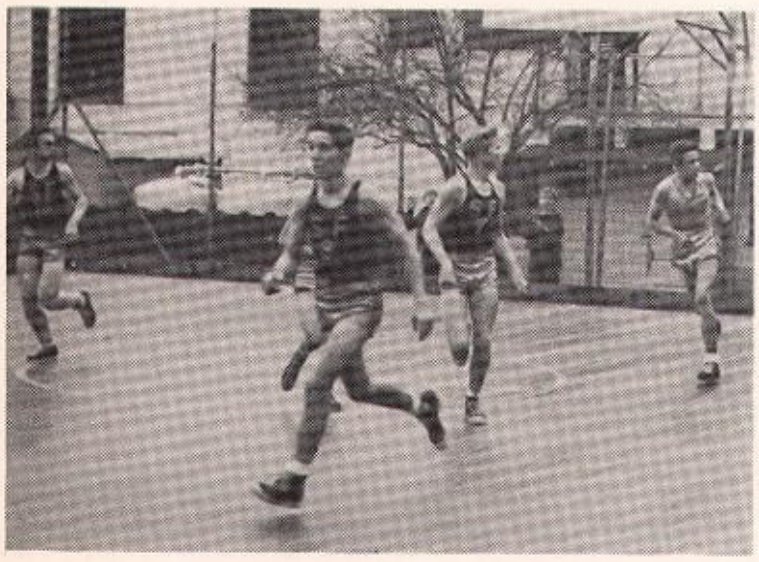
INDIVIDUAL SCORING

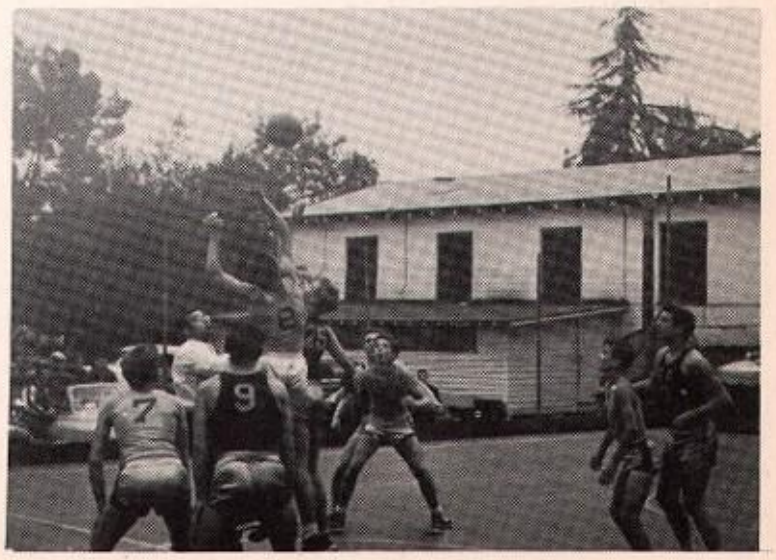
Mike Flaaten	188
Bob Magaw	110
Rod DeClerk	59
Tom Oldham	54
Pat Downs	53
John Ziemann	48
Jerry Schmader	27
Bob Doyle	26
Dennis Horan	7
David Williams	5
Rod Cage	2

TOP: Doyle, DeClerk, Ziemann, Downs, Schmader
BOTTOM: Flaaten, Williams, Cage, Oldham, Magaw, Fr. Lawrance









TOP: Lovejoy, Bereznak, Young, Neal
MIDDLE: LeMone, Mitchell, Carlton
BOTTOM: Slavin, Zuniga, Orozco

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S.F	31	Bellarmine
S.F.	19	Mission
S.F.	37	Boy's Club
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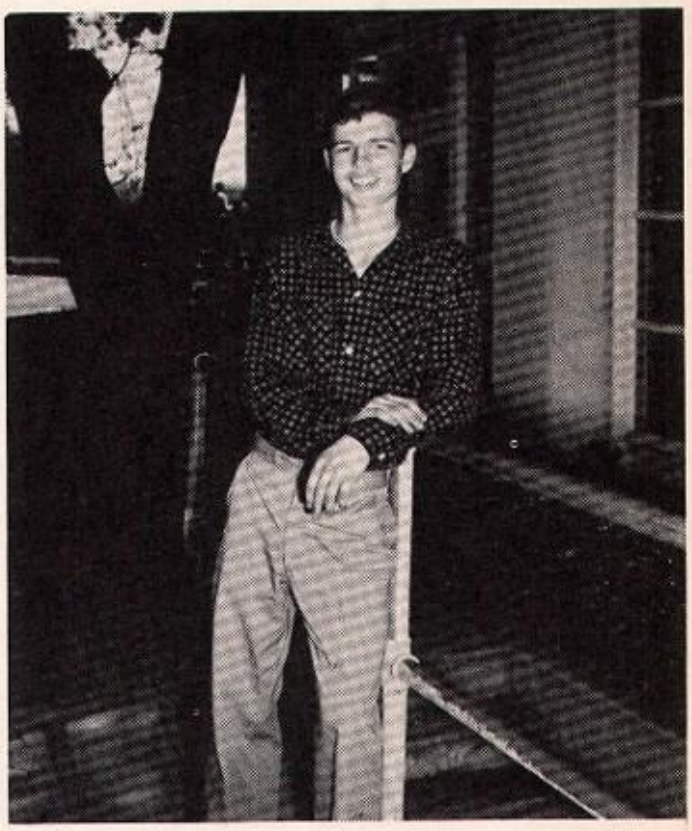
S.F.	36	Pomona

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Carlton	115
Slavin	110
Lovejoy	82
Neal	75
Zuniga	56
LeMone	22
Bereznak	7
Dolan	5
Mitchell	3
Orozco	3
Young	0

MIKE FLAATEN

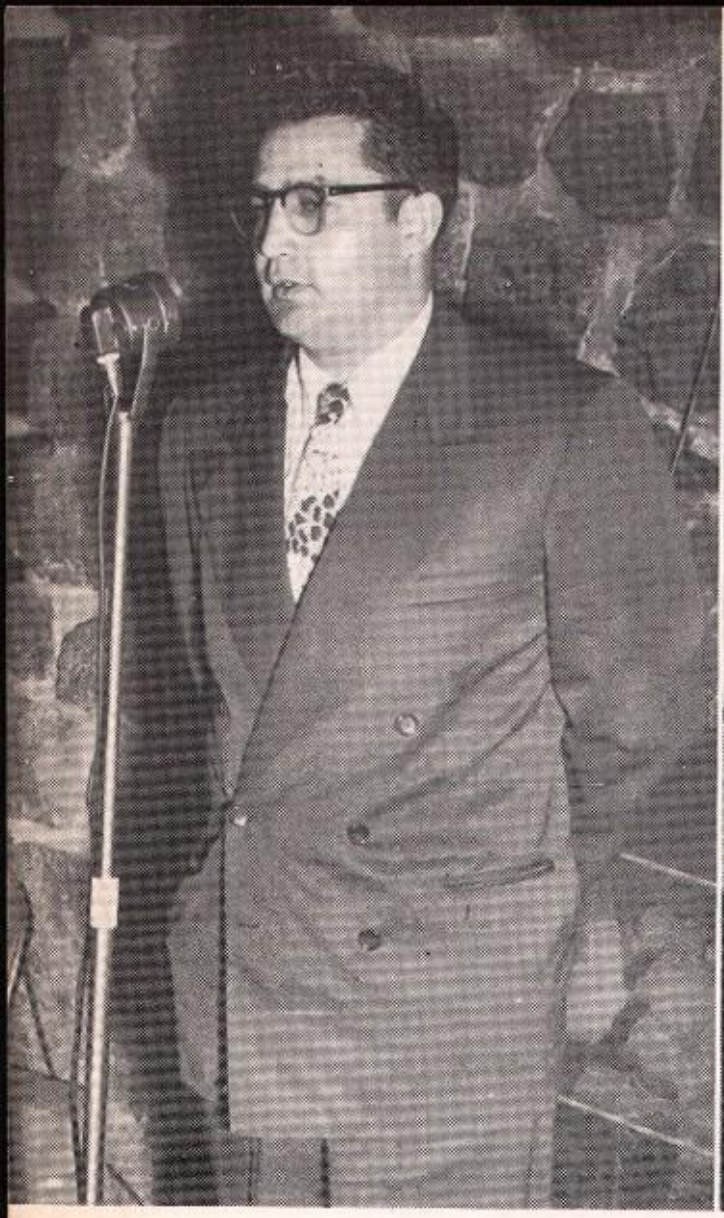
Mike had the wonderful honor of being selected not only on the All-Conference Team, but also as Outstanding Player of the Year in the Conference. This selection further testifies to Flaaten's basketball ability. Mike led his team in the scoring column while earning the admiration of the Conference with his play at the pivot post.

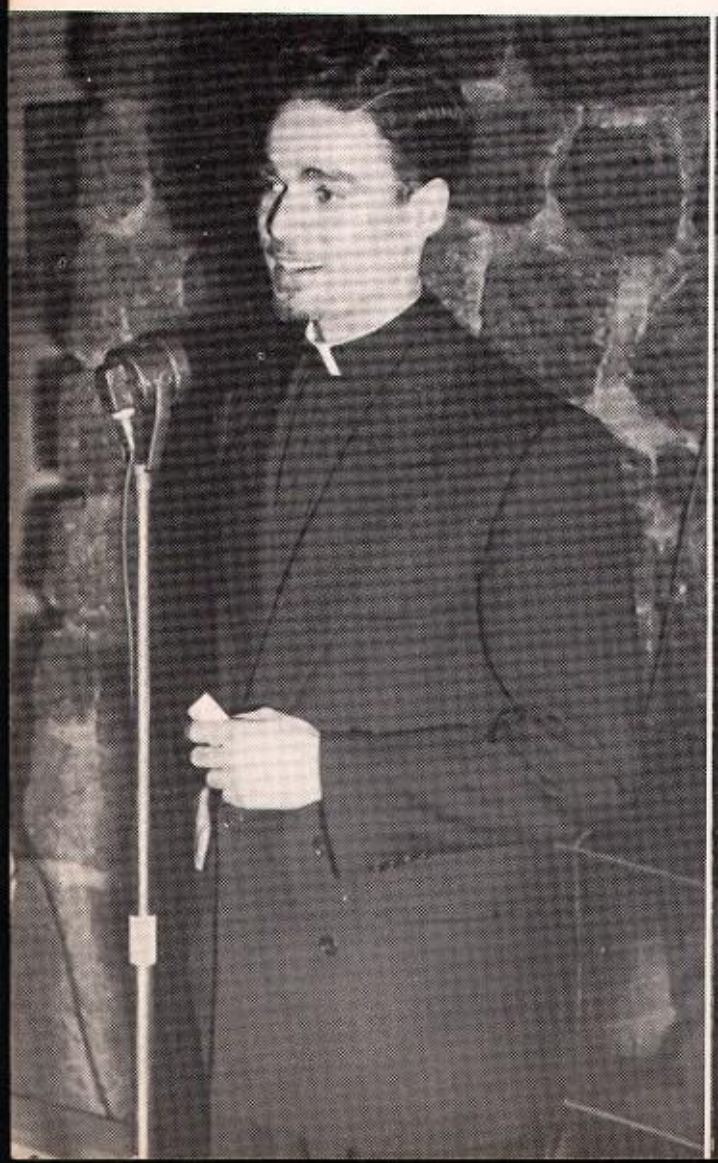


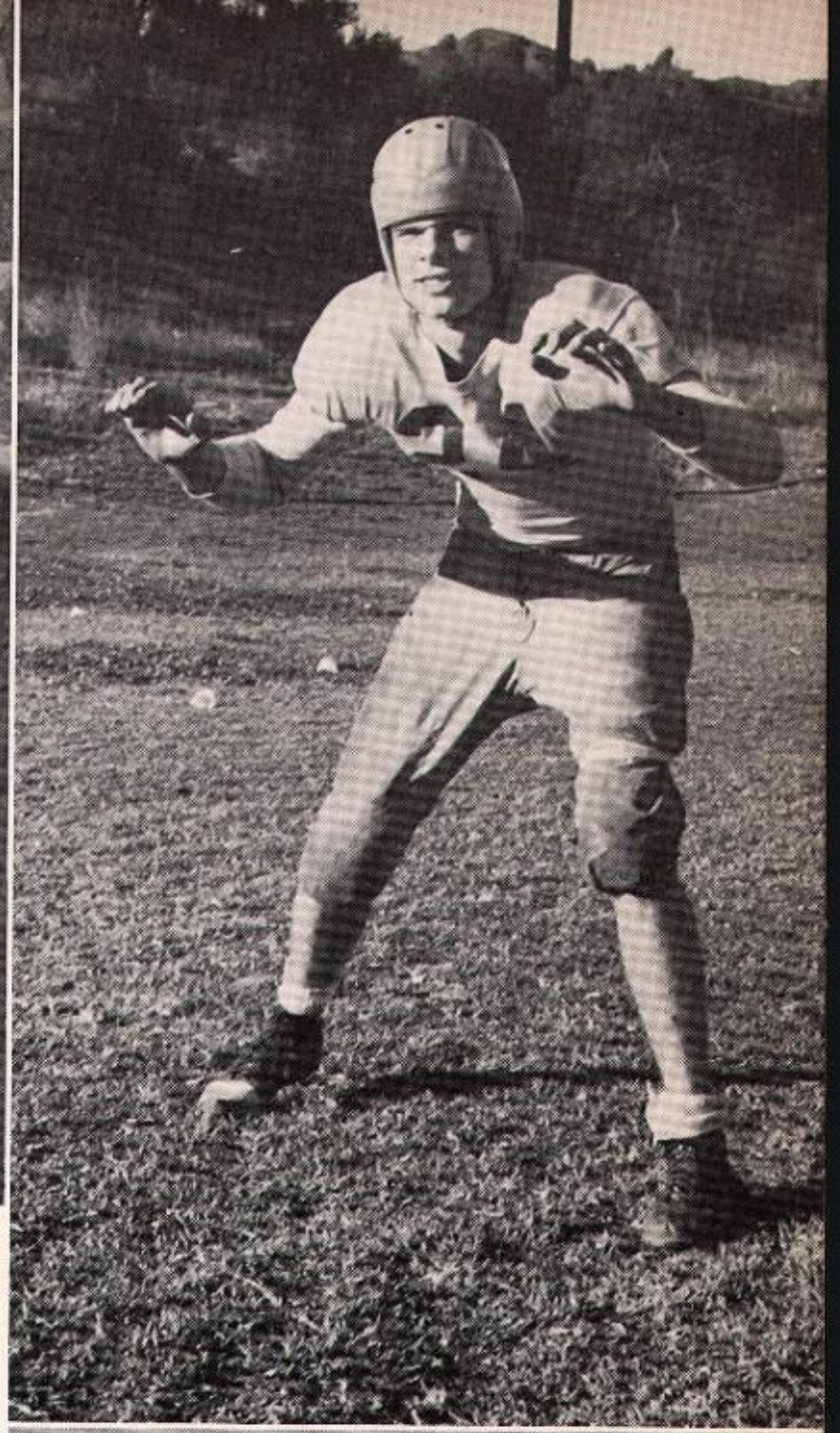
ROD DeCLERK

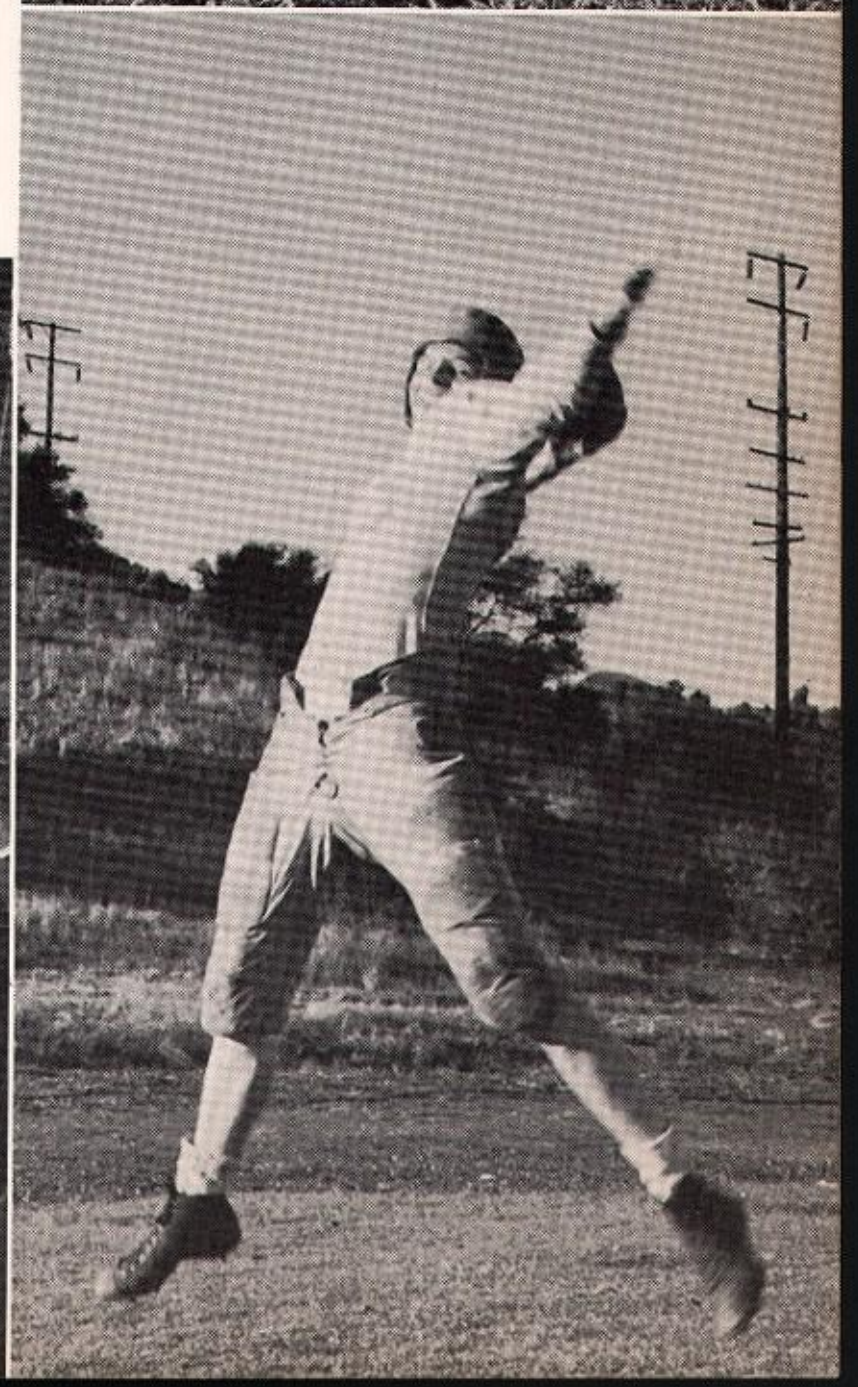
Rod was unanimously elected captain of the basketball team for his sportsmanship and competitive spirit during the past season. DeClerk was an outstanding ball handler and always excelled as a team player. His rebounding labelled him as an important part of Wayne Stephanoff's squad.

All Conference Stars









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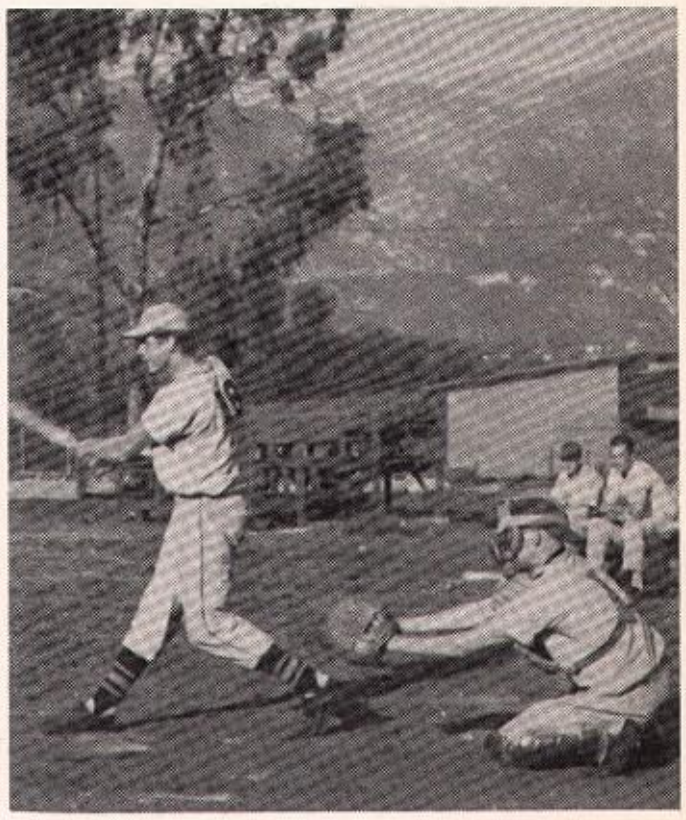

TOP: Robinson, Dolan, Gomez, O'Connor, Eisele, Evans, Wolters, Del Duca.
MIDDLE: Ritter, Cannell, Bird, DeClerk, McMann, Rogers, O'Brien, Zuniga, Fr. Lawrence.
BOTTOM: Williams, Lovejoy, Downs, Slavin, Grange, Horan, Burris.

S.F.	Flintridge	S.F.	Pomona
S.F.	Pasadena Academy	S.F.	St. Agnes
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S.F.	St. Monica	S.F.	Bellarmine
S.F.	Mater Dei	S.F.	Mater Dei
S.F.	Mary Star	S.F.	Mary Star
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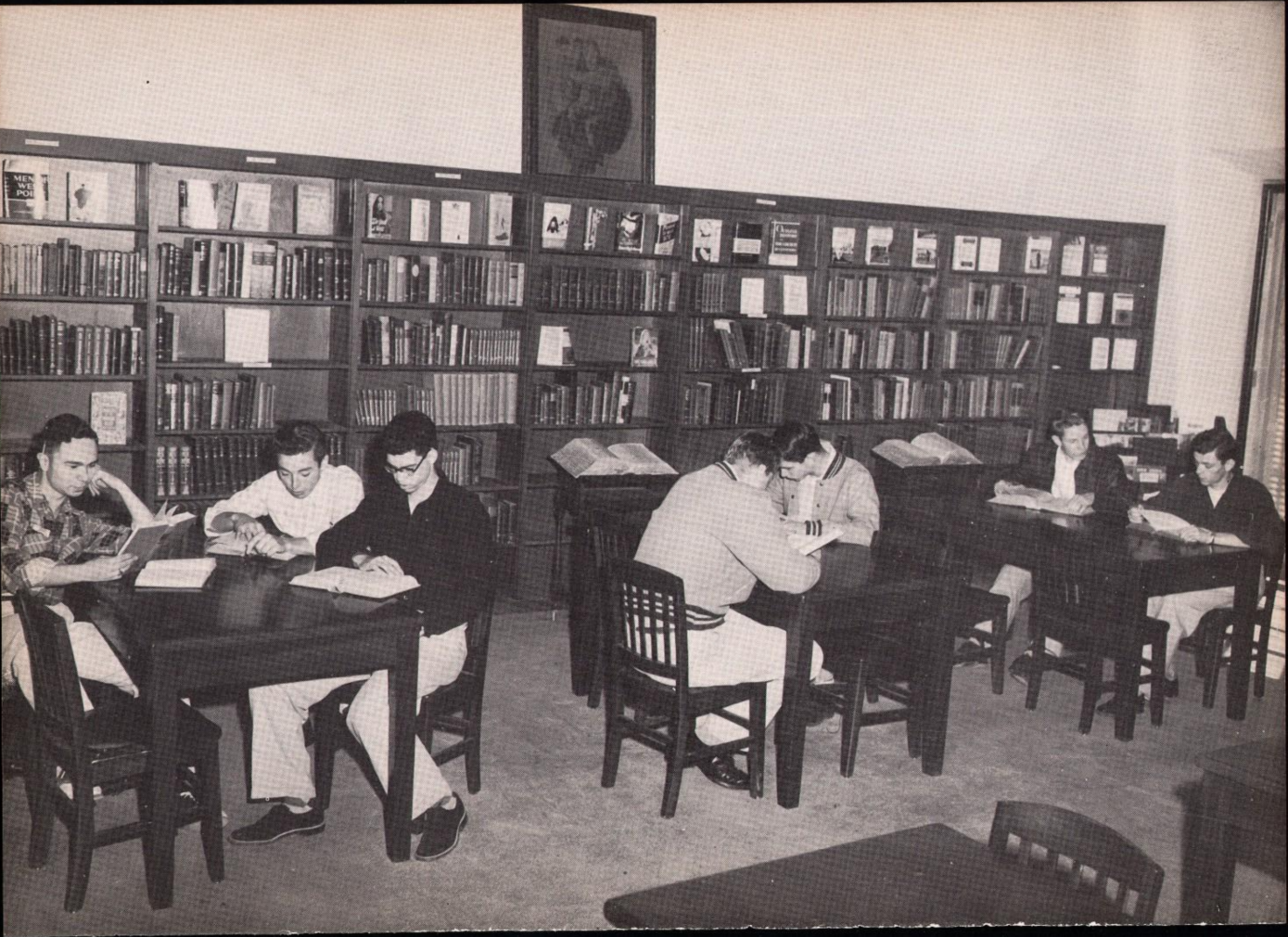

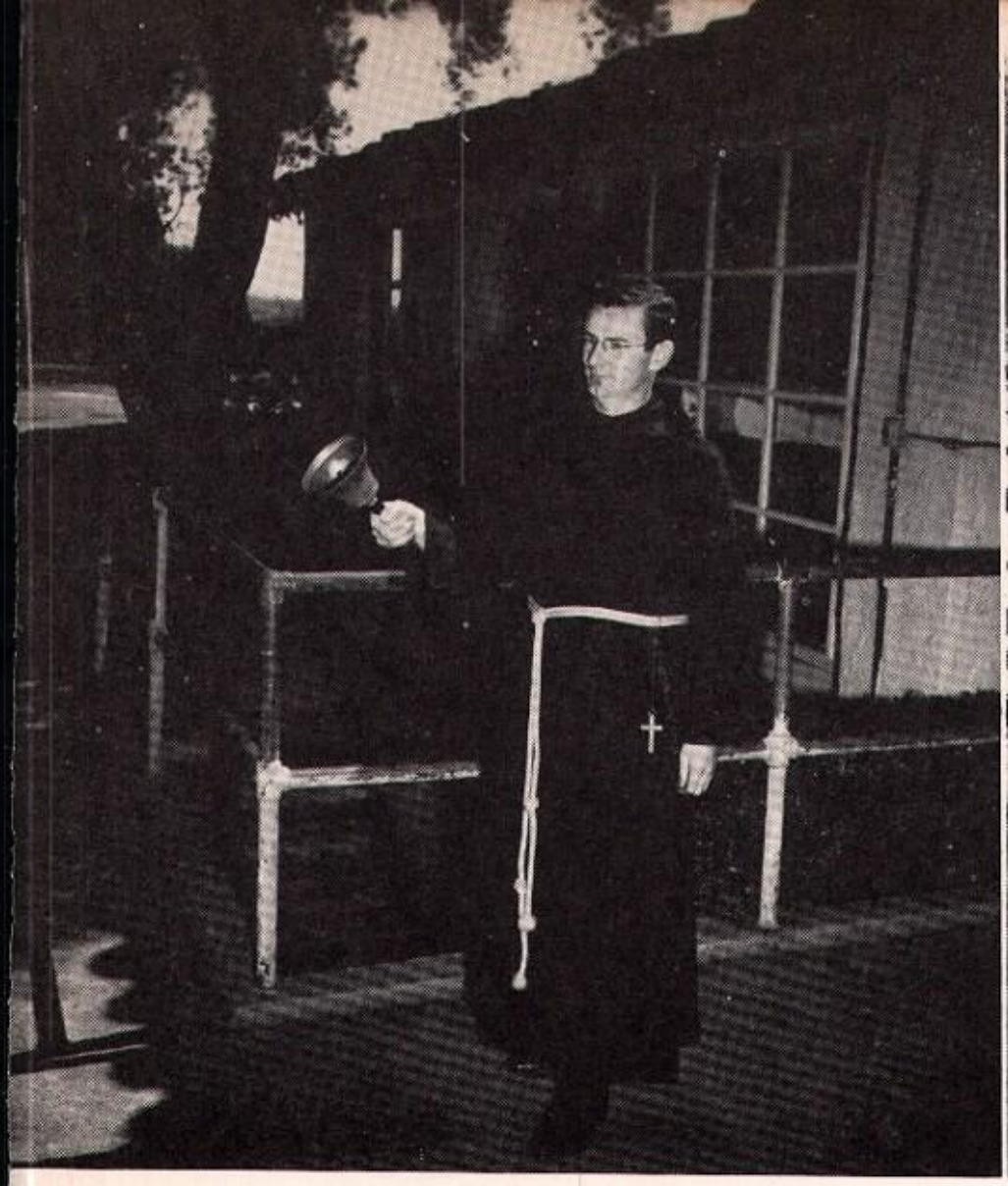

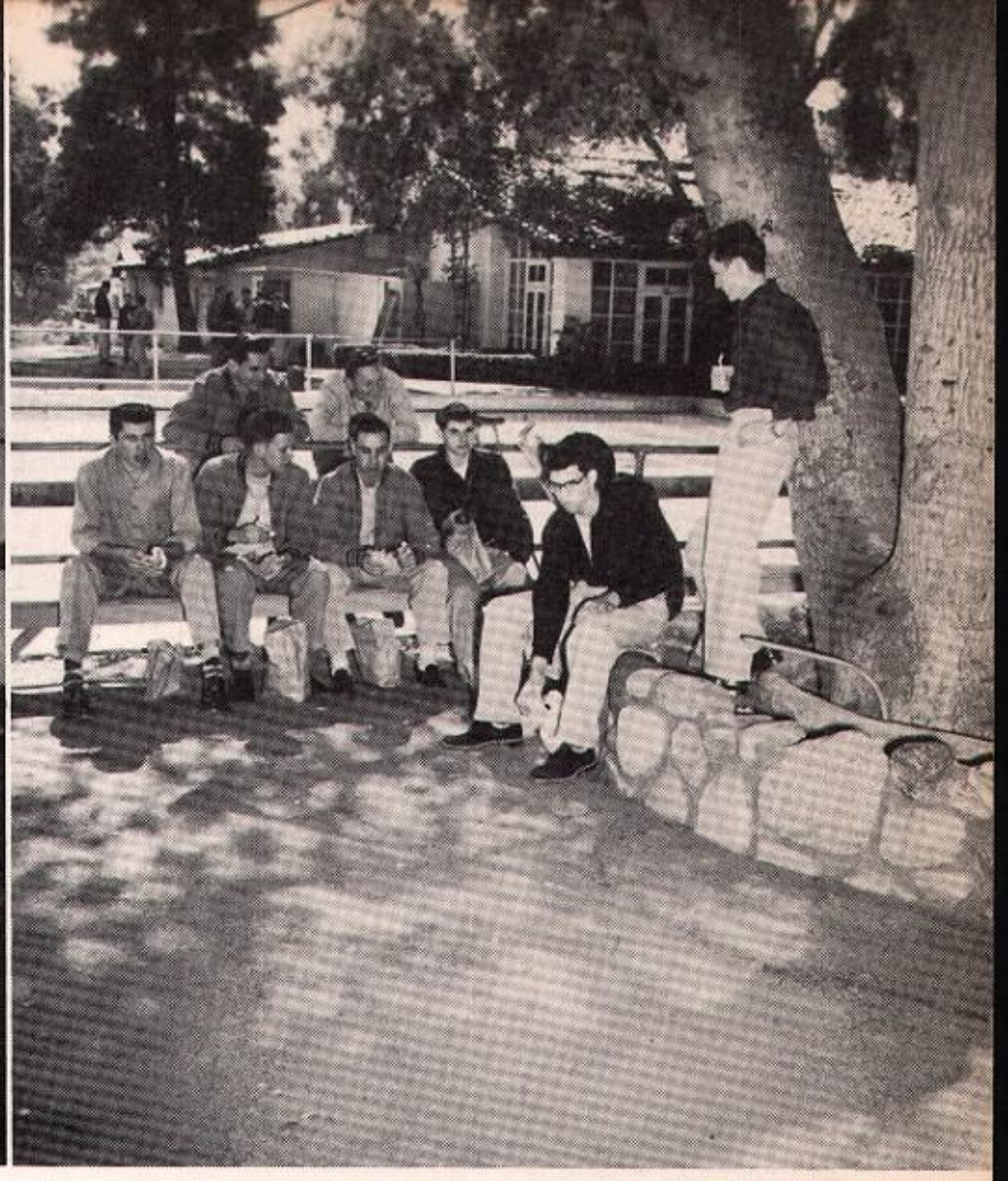

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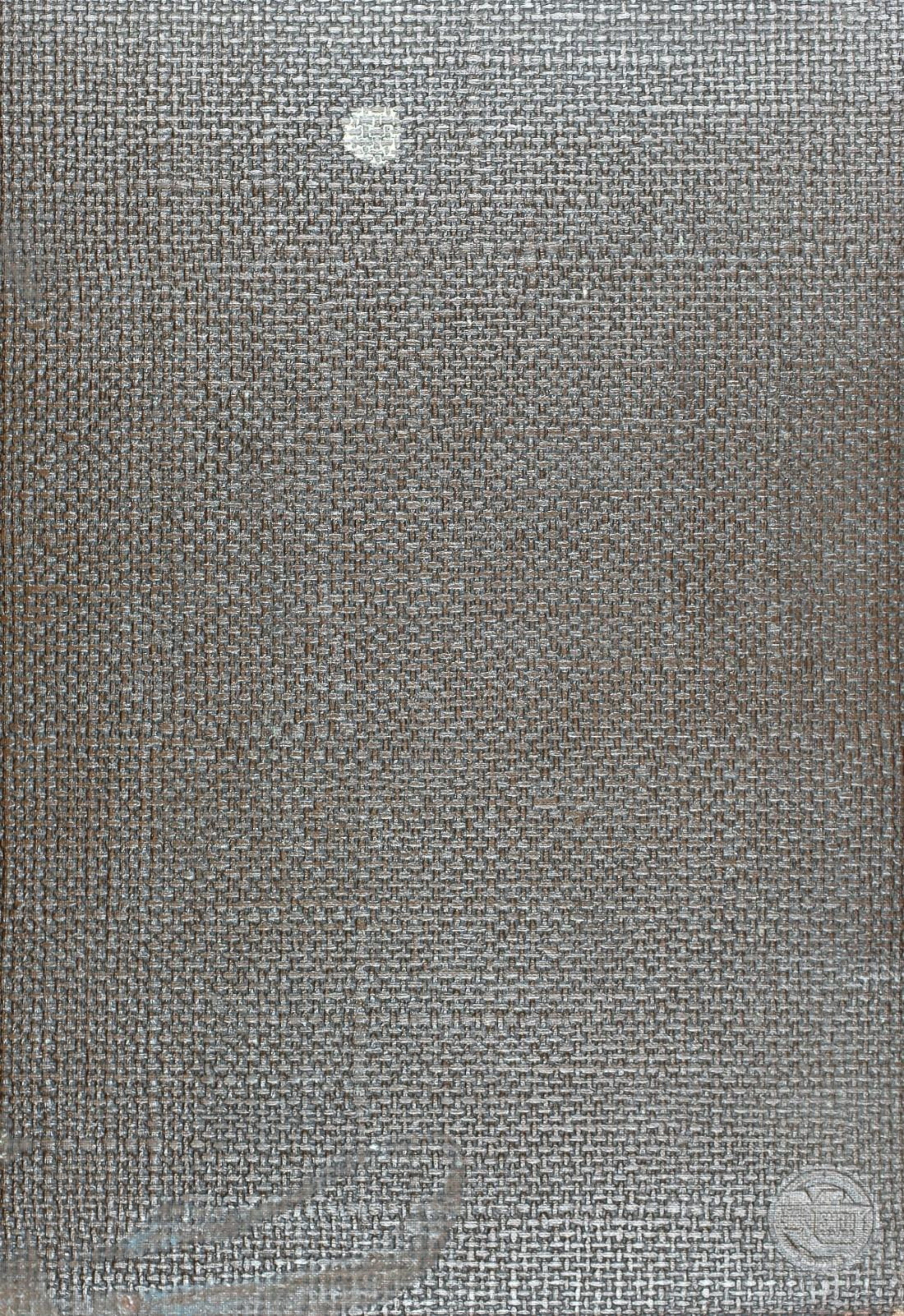
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